The Corps
of
Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers

War Diary

No. 26 (later No. 81) Canadian Ordnance Workshop (Light)
1917 - 1919

Includes

"Setting the RCEME Standard"

By

Colonel Murray Johnston

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Introduction

During the First World War, the Canadian Ordnance Corps had three Mobile Ordnance Workshops, which repaired and maintained the artillery and equipment of the Canadian Corps. This did not include operating and maintaining the mechanical transport (motor vehicles), which were operated by the Army Service Corps.

In the organization of the time, a light mobile workshop supported two infantry divisions, and a medium workshop supported the heavy and siege artillery in a Corps. A light workshop consisted of:

> Inspector of Ordnance Machinery (Engineer, usually a captain, but could be a lieutenant or major) - 1
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> Armament Sergeant Major (Warrant Officer Class 1) - 1
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> Armament Quartermaster Sergeant (Warrant Officer Class 2) - 1
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> Armament Staff Sergeants (or Fitter Staff Sergeants) - 3
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> Fitters - 4*
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> Turners - 3* (lathe operators)
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> Blacksmiths - 3*
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> Hammermen - 2* (blacksmith's assistant)
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> Wheelers - 4*
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> Clerks - 1
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> Total - 23 all ranks
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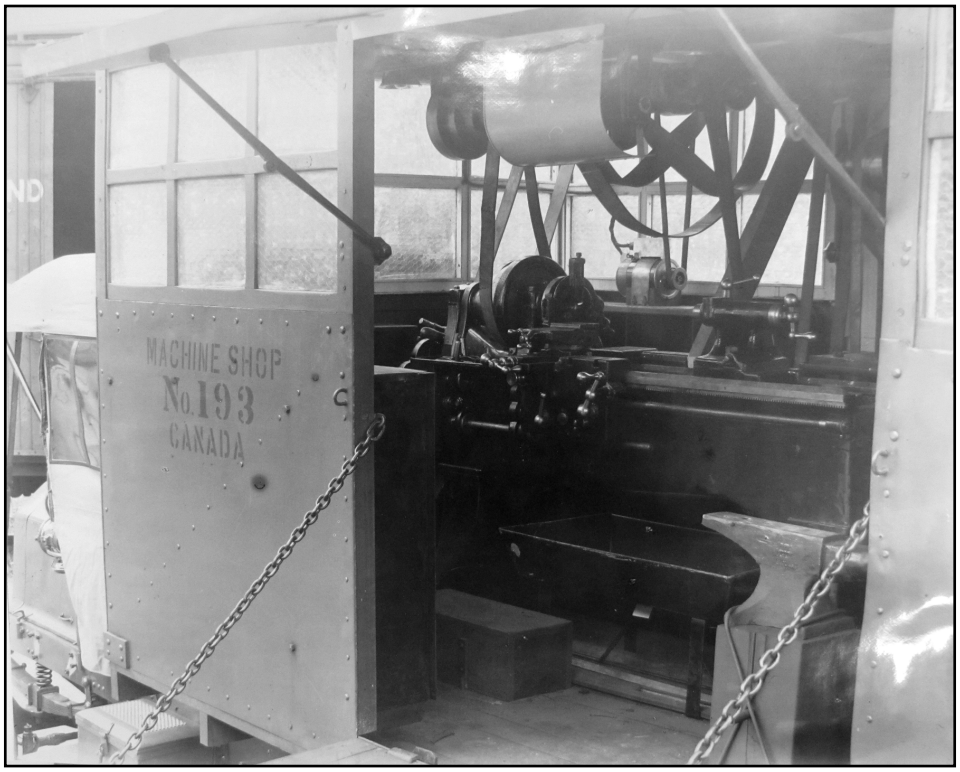
> *Of these, two would be corporals.

The first Canadian workshop, the Canadian Ordnance Travelling Workshop, was formed in Halifax in October 1915 and staffed by Permanent Force artificers. It went to Britain and on to France, where it began supporting the Canadian Corps in March 1916. Shortly after, it was renamed Number 26 Canadian Travelling Ordnance Workshop Unit. In July, it became No. 26 Canadian Mobile Ordnance Workshop (Light). It consisted of Canadian personnel under the command of a Canadian "Inspector of Ordnance Machinery", Captain A.S. Buttenshaw. The workshop was renamed No. 81 Canadian Ordnance Mobile Workshop (Light) in November 1918.

The Canadian Corps continued to expand and, in November 1916, the Imperial (British) No. 8 Mobile Ordnance Workshop (Light) began working with the Corps. In April 1917, that workshop was renamed No. 8 Canadian Mobile Ordnance Workshop (Light) and was manned with Canadian personnel. Armament Artificer Sergeant-Major H. Durling, who had been with 26 Workshop since the beginning, was commissioned from the ranks and appointed as I.O.M. and commander of the new workshop.

On 7 October 1918, No. 83 Canadian Ordnance Workshop (Medium) was formed to repair and maintain the siege artillery in the Canadian Corps. It was commanded by Lieutenant A.H. Phillips, who had also been commissioned from the ranks in No. 26 Canadian Mobile Workshop.

This document includes an article by Colonel Murray C. Johnston, MSM, CD, titled "Setting the RCEME Standard".



A Canadian-designed and manufactured machine shop lorry as supplied to the Canadian Corps.

Setting the RCEME Standard

by Colonel Murray Johnston, MSM, CD

October 15, 2013

The purpose of RCEME is to keep equipment serviceable under all circumstances: dangerous, difficult, and dirty. The standard for that was set by the Craftsmen of 26 Ordnance Mobile Workshop (Light) and the Commander of 1st British Army during the preparation for the Battle of Vimy Ridge on April 9, 1917 and during the battle itself.

The workshop's war diary for April 1917, as written by Major A.S. Buttenshaw, the Chief Inspector of Ordnance Machinery of the Canadian Corps, says it all.

April 1, 1917. Overhaul and repair of guns, vehicles and artillery equipment for 1st Canadian Division, 2nd Canadian Division, four brigades of army field artillery, and four batteries of heavy and siege artillery Canadian Corps.

April 2, 1917. Received orders to push on with work in order to have all guns in action by night 7th-8th. Bombardment on continuously. Many axial vents from breech mechanisms of heavy and siege guns arriving in workshop. This work should not by done in light workshops as it keeps lathes employed night and day and prevents them from being used for other work. No spares available so it has become necessary to work all night and keep guns in action. This shows neglect on part of those responsible, as the question of spare parts of all kinds was raised as soon as the experience of the Somme Campaign showed the vital necessity of maintaining a large stock of spare gun parts, especially axial vents.

April 3, 1917. Those responsible trusting, as usual, luck and small workshops. Luck holding, as light guns holding up well and so far not causing any trouble. Hope lathes or engines will not break down.

April 7, 1917. Shop almost empty. Guns now required for night of 8th-9th. Nearly caught up with axial vents.

April 8, 1917. Principal I.O.M. from GHQ (DEME Cdn Corps) inspected shop. Was pleased. Shop empty, all my guns are in action. Inspected 6-inch mark VII guns at St. Aubin of 58th Siege Battery. Car held up owing to traffic regulations allowing complete cessation of traffic while infantry move up for big attack. Saw large numbers of cavalry.

April 9, 1917. Day of Canadian attack on Vimy Ridge. Bombardment during the night was terrific. Guns behaving well.

April 10, 1917. Still working day and night on repairs. Men sticking to it wonderfully. Reduction of rate of fire for all natures of guns and howitzers materially assisted in keeping so many in action during this battle.

April 14, 1917. Received a letter of congratulations from army commander (see below). Refers to the whole winter's work of careful and complete overhaul of guns and equipment as well as to work just previous to the attack of 9th April. Very cheering. Read it out on parade to the men.

April 21, 1917. New workshop approved. I am to take over the complete equipment of No. 8 Workshop, which has been doing work for the Canadian Corps since

November. I am to supply personnel from Canadian Corps. I had already collected personnel together gradually before asking for a new shop. My Sergeant-Major, Armament Artificer Sergeant-Major H Durling, who has been with 26 Workshop since the beginning, is to be I.O.M. and OIC of the new workshop. Thus the (Canadian) Corps will have two Canadian Workshops.

April 26, 1917. Received orders to find new sites and to move forward without delay. Found site in open country on main Arras-Bethune Road. Will be necessary to build up everything as there is no accommodation of any sort.

April 28, 1917. Started to move, but still haven't finished existing work in hand and arrange to deal with any further casualties that may occur in meantime. Very difficult to move and keep work going at the same time.

Some Standard indeed! RCEME at Vimy – all the guns were firing.

Epilogue

Major Albert Sidney Buttenshaw was one of the first two Canadian Engineers to be recruited in 1910 into the Canadian Ordnance Corps as an I.O.M. At the beginning of the war, he was posted to the CEF. In early 1918 he was awarded the Distinguished Service Order for his work with the guns before and during the Battle for Vimy. After the war, he joined the [British] Royal Army Ordnance Corps and, as a Brigadier in 1943, one of the founding members of the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers."

Armament Artificer Sergeant-Major Horace Durling was duly commissioned from the ranks, promoted to captain and posted as OIC to the new [No. 8] workshop. He was later awarded the Military Cross.

> "The value of these workshops made them a target for bombing by enemy aircraft. After one such raid in November 1918, a stores tent and an ammunition dump were set on fire. The Workshop Officer, Captain H. Durling, removed the petrol and workshop lorry to a safe place. While doing this he was in full view from the glare of the conflagration and was bombed by enemy aeroplanes. Through his efforts valuable property was rescued and repairs to the guns continued the next morning. Captain Durling was awarded the Military Cross".

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No. 26 Canadian Ordnance Workshop (Light)

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OF

No 26 Canadian Travelling Ordnance Workshop Unit.

From 15th March to 30th June 1916

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No.26 Canadian Travelling Ordnance Workshop Unit.

From 15th March to 30th June, 1916.

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Can. Corps Ordnance
Mobile Workshops
No 10 & No 26.

Can. Corps Ord. Mobile Workshop

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N°10 & N°26 } Ord. Workshops.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information MARCH & APRIL.	Remarks and references to Appendices
			MARCH & APRIL	
Baillent	15/3/16	5 PM	N°26 shop, with Canadian personnel under Capt A.S. Buttenshaw I.O.M. Arrived to join N°23 Ord. Workshop, Imperial Personnel under Lieut R.F. Stuart AOD. IOM. The two shops grouped to form Can. Corps Workshop.	
Q.3.1.2.8 Sheet 27	23/3/16	11 AM	Moved to Q.3.1.2.8 Sheet 27 (near Steenwoorde) to take up new position. Took over N°10 shop machinery, Lorries and personnel, except I.O.M. Lt. Stuart left N°23 shop in Baillent and took command of N°10 workshop position formerly occupied by 5th Corps Workshops.	
March and April.			Daily routine of repairs to Field guns and siege guns up to 6 inch, all kinds of vehicles and water carts belonging to whole corps. Weekly technical report of work done going to C.I.O.M 2nd Army.	

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A.S. Buttenshaw Capt
Can Corps

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CAN. Corps Ord. Workshop

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N°26 } Mobile Workshops

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			MAY.	
A36	1/5/16		Daily routine of repairs to guns and vehicles	
28			Canadian Corps. Technical details sent weekly	
Sheet 27			to C.I.O.M 2nd Army.	
			Examination of certain heavy artillery	
			in position	
			Number of guns worked upon for May	
			QF 18 pounders = 36	
			QF 4.5" Hows = 6	
			BL 60 prs. = 8	
			QF 4.7 = 4	
			6" Howitzers = 2	
			Number of vehicles = 100	
			Number of Water carts = 56	
			Health of men excellent	
	31/5/16		A.S. Bustemante Capt. C.O.R.	
			for Can. Corps	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			JUNE	
Q.37 2.8 Sheet 27	1/6/16		Daily routine of repairs to Guns and Vehicles of Canadian Corps. Technical details sent to C.I.O. 2nd Army weekly. Examination of guns worn or damaged by shell fire. Work very heavy during 1st to 16th June	
	22/6/16	—	Visit to Workshops by 2nd Army Commander, General Sir Herbert Plumer G.C.M.G. K.C.B., who expressed his appreciation warmly of the amount of work turned out of workshops during the attack and counter attack near Hooge which took place during these days. This was an unofficial visit by the General who was alone.	
	30/6/16		Thirty seven 18 pr. alone, handled during 5 days besides numerous heavy guns & Howitzers. About seventy guns of all kinds handled during June. A.A. Buttenshaw Capt. Coy from Can. Corps	

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OF

No 36 Canadian Ordnance Mobile Workshop (Light)

From 1st July to 31st July 1916

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No. 26 Canadian Ordnance Mobile Workshop (Light)

From 1st to 31st July, 1916.

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{ N°10 N°26 } Ord. Mobile Workshops (Light)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			July 1916	
Field	1/7/16		Daily routine, repairs & examinations of guns, & vehicles of Can. Corps.	
	15/7/16	a.m.	Visit of Workshops by Lt. General Sir Julian Byng, Can. Corps Commander, and Brig. Genl. Farmer D.A.Q.M.G. Can. Corps. Corps Commander expressed satisfaction with everything connected with the workshop, both as regards technical work and accommodation of the personnel.	
	1/7/16		N.C.O.s & men sent to workshops from Artillery Brigades and Batteries for courses of instruction. Tenth Brigade, 3rd Can. Div. Artillery, new armed, guns sent in for examination before going into position. New equipment, excellent condition.	
	31/7/16		Total guns overhauled & examined for July, 18 pounders 56, 13 pounders 15, 60 pounders 6, 4.5 Howr 10.	

A.S. Buttenshaw Capt.
O.C. Can. Corps Ordnance Workshops.

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No 26 Canadian Ordnance Mobile Workshop (Light)

From 1st August to 2nd September 1916

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			AUGUST 1916	
Field.	1/8/16		Daily routine. Repair of guns, vehicles & equipment of Canadian Corps.	RAA Reg.
"	14/8/16	9 am.	Proceeded ahead of First Can. Division into Rest and Training area, leaving No 10 workshop behind. No 26 workshop took up selected position at J 36 c 1.9 Sheet 27A N.E, 27 kilometres from Calais. Workshop immediately prepared for work and was in position to receive guns & vehicles for repairs in 3 hours from time of arrival.	RAA Reg.
"	15/8/16		Received twenty seven 18pr guns and one 4.5 Howitzer of 4th Australian Div. Artillery during evening six days, and ten 18pr guns of 1st Canadian Div. Artillery.	RAA Reg.
	26/8/16		No 26 Shop remained in position while 1st Can. Div. moved and received twenty four 18pr guns and six 4.5 Howitzers of 2nd Can. Division who had now proceeded into training area	RAA Reg.

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No 26 Ord. Mob. Workshop (Light)

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			AUGUST. 1916	
2/8/16			Completed repairs of guns of 2nd Can. Div. Artillery and prepared 6 more according to orders received from Can. Corps O.	
			Workshop has now its complete equipment having received a 7 inch all geared head, lathe and 10 horse power engine & electric generator set. Equipment now consists of one workshop Lorry 3 ton Daimler,	
			one Store Lorry " "	
			one 3 Ton Lorry towing big lathe and men's equipment.	
			one light car Sunbeam, of 1.0 m.	
			A A Bullmann Capt. for Lt. Col. i/c. Can. Corps.	

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No 26 Canadian Ordnance Mobile Workshop (Light) - Canadian Corps

From 11th September to 30th September 1916

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{ N°26 Ord. Mobile Workshop
N°46 Light.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			September	
Field	4th	9a.m.	N°26 Workshop left rest area and reported at 3 PM at Varennes 15 K. from Albert (Picardy) It was joined here by N°46 (Imperial Workshop) and prepared tracing guns and vehicles.	
			Daily routine of repairs to guns etc, most guns (18pdrs) requiring attention to buffers and recuperators and renewal of springs running out.	
			Work exceedingly heavy during heavy fighting in advance which resulted in capture of Courcelette Flers etc. One hundred and fifty five (155) 18pounders and 4.5 Howitzers handled during subsequent three weeks from 4th Sept.	
			Only four guns rendered unserviceable by hostile shell fire, a few condemned for excessive scoring and wear due to heavy firing	
	16th	–	Took over personally the inspection of all Heavy	

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Can. Corps Workshops
11·26 & 46
and I.O.M. Can. Corps

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			September	
Field	16		(Heavy Heavy artillery attached to Can. Corps, including 9·2 Howitzers, 8" Howitzers, 6" guns and 60 pounders and one 15 inch Howitzer Royal Marine Artillery. Continuous travelling in cars from one Battery to another keeping all in action.	
	26		Was in one Australian 8 inch Howr Battery at 12·35 p.m. when great Bombardment commenced and Canadian infantry "went over" under cover of terrific barrage fire. Very inspiring and stupendous scene. One round every 40 seconds per gun for 1¼ hours from these eight inch MK V Howrs manned by Australian Regulars	A.G.S. Major A.G.S. Major
	30		Workshop Cared for Artillery of five divisions including 11th & 18th Imperial, and 7th Heavy & Siege were under my charge also.	A.G.S. Major

A.G.Buchanan Major
I.O.M. Can. Corps

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N°26 (Can.) Ord. Mobile Workshop Canadian Corps. and I.O.M. Can. Corps.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information 2	Remarks and references to Appendices
Varennes	1/10/18	—	Daily routine, repair and inspection of Guns, Artillery Equipment and vehicles of Canadian Corps.	
"	2/10/18	-	N°46 Workshop (Imperial) with whom N°26 was working, moved into Albert in advance. N°26 remained to clear up work.	
Albert	7/10/18	9am	N°26 Workshop proceeded to Albert by instructions from C.I.O.M. Reserve Army. Joined N°46 Shop again. I continued to carry out inspections of Heavy Artillery in Battery positions.	
"	14/10/18	-	Inspected 15" Howitzer N°9 R.M.A. Shooting on Pys Church reported erratic. Found platform tilted. Ordered gun to be dismantled and re-erected on firmer platform	
"	16/10/18		Albert shelled every night during above dates, no casualties in workshop, which was in Rue D'Ayelay (N° 69)	
Olhain			Left for First Army Area this day arrived Olhain (N°8 Ordnance Workshop) Stayed two days while choosing new site	
Ruitz	18/10/18		Moved into present position at Ruitz (near Bruay)	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information 3	Remarks and references to Appendices
RUITZ	19/4/18		Proceeded to build up workshop. Short handed but managed well, men as usual keen and hard working.	A.S.Buttenshaw Major
	20/4/18		Only Lahore Div. Artillery to deal with at present. Workshops work singly in this Army. (First). A great deal of French Mortar work in this Area.	A.S.Buttenshaw Major
	21/4/18		Left minute instructions for building up workshop and proceeded on 10 days leave.	
	30/4/18		Shop completed and in good condition, only a few guns in, but much vehicle work.	

A.S.Buttenshaw
Major
I.O.M. Can. Corps

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information 2	Remarks and references to Appendices
			November	
~~[illegible]~~ RUITZ	1/11/16		Daily routine, repairs of guns and vehicles, Lahore Divisional Artillery and 2nd Can. Division.	
			Proceeded to enlarge workshop and improve lighting arrangements.	A.A.S. Capt
	6/11/16		Erected water cart shop and erected store tent for repair of wagons.	A.A.S. Capt
	17/11/16		Large numbers of Canadian Pattern Kitchens Field sent in for extensive repair. Found impossible to obtain spare parts for repair, condemned most in consequence and sent them to Base.	A.A.S. Capt
			These kitchens very good though heavy, seems a pity to have to discard them.	
			Usual inspections of guns.	
			Much Trench Mortar work.	
	30/11/16		Expect Artillery of 1st & 2nd Can. Divisions shortly.	A.A.S. Capt

A.A. Sullivan
Capt
Com Can. Corps

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Place	Date	Hour	December — Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RUITZ	1/12/16		Second Can. Div. Artillery arrived from Somme. All guns inspected by me and those requiring repair sent in to Workshop. Guns very well looked after and had stood continuous firing exceedingly well. About fifteen guns ordered in for overhaul and special examination.	ALS Capt.
— .. —	5/12/16		First Can. Div. Artillery arriving in reserve area. Inspected those in their reserve area and ordered about twenty guns in for overhaul and inspection.	ALS Capt.
— . —	11/12/16		Four 9.2 Howitzers of 97th Battery (Canadian) arrived in workshop for complete overhaul. It is noteworthy that the four complete Howitzers and equipment could be brought into the workshop at one time. Guns in very good condition.	ALS Capt.
			Apparently all Canadian Siege batteries are being brought together.	ALS Capt.
	12/12/16		Four 60pr guns of 1st Can. Heavy Battery ~~to~~ inspected and parts sent into workshop for repair.	ALS Capt.
	13/12/16		Four eight inch Howitzers of 131st Siege Battery (Canadian) brought to workshop for overhaul & repair. Repairs necessitating dismantling gun and carriage required. Heavy work for Light workshop.	ALS Capt.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RUITZ	15/12/16		We now have 4, 9.2 ~~guns~~ Howitzers, 4, 8 inch Howitzers, and six 60pr guns being worked upon besides seven 18 pounders. This is more than these Light workshops intended for.	
	22/12/16		9.2 Howitzers completed and sent into action. Hear they are firing satisfactorily.	AHB Capt AHB Capt
	29/12/16		Being continually worried by G.O.C. Can. Corps Heavy Artillery as to why 8" Howitzers not done. Having absolutely no mechanical knowledge he does not realise the many details of a thorough overhaul and little delays which mount up into hours. Such as sequence of steel pins, abutment nuts etc. Besides which great difficulty in obtaining stores for replacements. For better for guns to have thorough overhaul before going into action. Most unreasonable to expect small shops in the Field like Arsenals. Usually take no notice of worrying from Artillery, but carry on as usual as fast as possible.	AHB Capt
	30/12/16		Two 8" Howitzers completed and sent ~~away~~	AHB Capt

A H Bullmaster Capt

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No. 6 Canadian Ordnance Mobile Workshop - Canadian Corps.

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No. 26 Cdn. Ordnance Mobile Workshop, Cdn. Corps,

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N°26 ord. Mobile Workshop. Canadian Corps and I.O.M. Can. Corps.

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I.O.M. No. Date CANADIAN CORPS

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and References to Appendices
Ruitz			**January 1917**	
	1/1/17		Daily routine, repairs & Guns, vehicles and equipment. Inspections of Heavy & Siege Guns in Battery positions	A.A.Kapp
— " —	10/1/17		Four 6" 26 cwt. Howitzers of 162 Siege Battery, brought in for overhaul and alteration before taking up a new position in Can. Corps line. Received drawings from D.D.O.S. First Army showing various alterations and improvements to be carried out on these Howitzers. Find there are 27 separate things to be done in each Howr and Carriage.	A.A.Kapp
— — —	27/1/17.		All four Howitzers completed and sent away. Two trails had been found cracked & had been sent to Heavy Mobile workshop, Merville to be welded and patched.	A.A.Kapp
	25/1/17		Two more 6" Howitzers brought in for overhaul & alteration as above. These are new guns straight from ENGLAND, seems a pity that new guns should have to be altered out here when they could have been done before coming out. Shows lack of cohesion somewhere.	A.A.Kapp
	31/1/17		Number of 18 pdrs } Completed during month 30 " " 4.5 Howrs } " " " 3 " " 6" 26 cwt Howr } " " " 6.	A.A.Kapp

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			February 1917.	
RUITZ	1/2/17		Daily routine of repairs to Guns and vehicles Car damaged in accident while returning from Calais. Car beyond repair and will be evacuated. No one injured.	A.S.C. Capt 1 ord.
	9/2/17		Three 60 pounder guns for overhaul arrived today. Been on Somme front for 6 months. Guns in bad state.	A.S.C. Capt 1 ord
	11/2/17		Inspected by D.D.O.S. First Army, Colonel Usher Smith A.O.D. Seemed satisfied.	A.S.C. Capt 1 ord
	13/2/17		Four 9.2 Howitzers arrived for overhaul, before going into line Shop getting full.	A.S.C. Capt 1 ord
	14/2/17		Four more 9.2 Howitzers arrived. Have had to leave some in the road, no room left.	A.S.C. Capt 1 ord
	14/2/17		Have now 4, 9.2 Hows. 121 Fuze Battery 4, 9.2 Hows. 136 " 3. 60pr guns 31 Heavy Bty. and 7, 18pr guns 3rd and 2nd Can. Divisions There is a considerable quantity of work for a Light Mobile Workshop	
	28/2/17		4 18pr guns of 3rd Can. Div. have now been fitted with New Buffer tanks.	A.S.C. Capt 1 ord

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RUITZ			MARCH	
	1/3/17		Daily routine of repairs to guns, vehicles and equipment.	
			Received instructions to choose new site for workshop at Camblain L'Abbé, and to prepare to complete all work and move off at short notice.	
—"—	6/3/17		Received orders to move on March 8th	
	7/3/17		Orders postponed owing to state of roads due to thaw.	
	8/3/17		Took over duties of I.O.M. Southern Section 1st Army pro. tem. made my headquarters with H.Q. of Can. Corps Heavy Artillery, between Camblain L'Abbe and Mont St Eloy. Unprecedented number of Siege Guns of all natures pouring in. Enormous amount of work for all workshops as even new guns require inspection before going into action. Thaw restrictions causing delay in moving large guns about.	
	9/3/17	2 PM.	Received instructions to move N°26 workshop as cold had again hardened roads. Completed portion of move and entered into chosen site. This site had been occupied by Field Punishment stations for along time.	
CAMBLAIN L'ABBÉ	10/3/17		Handed over duties to I.O.M. S/Section again and returned to Workshop. Proceeded to build up suitable shop in anticipation of heavy work to come.	
—"—	14/3/17		Proceeded on special leave owing to sickness at home	
—"—	26/3/17		Returned from leave. Raised question of a second Canadian Workshop to Canadian Representative. Hope to obtain same in very near future.	
—"—	29/3/17		Workshop now in good condition owing to splendid efforts of NCOs & men.	

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			APRIL 1917	
Camblain L'Abbe	1/4/17		Overhaul and repair of Guns, vehicles and Artillery Equipment for 1st Can. Division, 2nd Can. Division, four Brigades of Army Field Artillery and 14 Batteries of Heavy & Siege Artillery Can. Corps.	
	2/4/17		Received orders to push on with work inorder to have all guns in action by night of 7th-8th. Bombardment on continuously, many Axial Vents from Breech Mechanisms of Heavy and Siege Guns, arriving in workshop for repair. This work should not be done in Light Workshops as it keeps Lathes employed night and day and prevents them from being used for other work. No spares available so has become necessary to work all night & keep guns in action. This shows neglect on part of those responsible, as the question of spare parts of all kinds was raised as soon as the experience of the Somme Campaign showed the vital necessity of maintaining a large stock of	A.E.A. Major A.E.A. Major

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Camblain L'Abbé	2/4/17		(Stock) of spare gun parts, especially Axial vents	
	3/4/17		Those responsible trusting as usual to luck and small workshops. Luck holding, as light guns holding well and so far not causing any trouble. Hope lathes or engines will not break down.	
	7/4/17		Shop almost empty. Guns now required for night of 8th-9th. Have nearly caught up with Axial vents.	
	8/4/17		Principal I.O.M from G.H.Q. inspected shop. Was pleased. Shop empty, all my guns in action. Inspected 6-inch mark VII guns at St Aubin of 58th Siege Battery. Car held up owing to traffic regulations allowing complete cessation of traffic while Infantry move up for big attack. Saw large numbers of Cavalry.	
	9/4/17		Day of Canadian Attack on Vimy Ridge. Bombardment during night terrific. Guns behaving well	

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Camblain L'abbé	13/4/17		Still working day & night on repairs. Men sticking to it wonderfully. Reduction of rate of fire for all natures of Gun & Howitzer materially assisted in keeping so many in action during this Battle.	ACS Maj
— " —	14/4/17		Received attached letter of congratulations from Army Commander. Refers to the whole Winter's work of careful & complete overhaul of Guns & equipment as well as work just previous to the attack of the 9th. April. Very cheering. Read on parade to men.	ACS Maj
	21/4/17		New workshop approved. Am to take over complete equipment of N°8 workshop which has been doing work for Canadian Corps since November. I am to supply personnel from Canadian Corps. Had already collected personnel together gradually before asking for new shop. My Serg. Major, Armt. Artificer,	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Camblain L'Abbé	21/4/17		Serg Major Durling, H. who has been with H. 26 Shop since the beginning, is to be I.O.M. and O/C of the new Workshop. It is hoped to take it over on 3rd May. Thus the Corps will have two Canadian Workshops.	
	26/4/17		Received orders to find new site and to move forward without delay. Found site in open country on main Arras-Bethune Road. Will be necessary to build up everything as there is no accommodation of any sort.	
	28/4/17		Started to move, but shall have to finish existing work in hand and arrange to deal with any further casualty that may occur in meantime. Very difficult to move and keep work going at same time.	

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The Army Commander wishes me to convey his thanks to all ranks of the A.O.D. in the First Army for the excellent work which they have done, and the great assistance which they have given to the Artillery prior to the present operations.

For an offensive under present conditions the keeping of guns in action at rapid rates of fire for prolonged periods is absolutely essential and puts equipment to a severe test. It is a great tribute to the excellence of the work done in overhauling guns which have arrived in this Army, in most cases in a bad condition that the Canadian Corps. Heavy Artillery had a higher percentage of guns in action on the night of the 9th after the attack, than they had had at any time during the previous weeks.

(Sd) Malcolm Peake
Brigadier-General
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Inspector of Ordnance Machinery
1st 26 Ordnance Mobile Workshop (Light)

D.S. 12/52/2 13th April 1917

For information and communication to all ranks. I am very gratified that the good work done by the A.O.D. and A.O.C., and Canadian Ordnance Corps should be thus recognized by the Army Commander, and I am sure that it will encourage us all to fresh efforts.

(Sd) W. Acker Smith
Colonel
D.D.O.S.
First Army

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
A.20 d.30.60 Main Arras Bethune Road.	1/5/17		Proceeded with move of workshop from Camplain L'Abbé. R.E holding plant approaches for guns and vehicles.	[illegible]
	5/5/17		Completed move of equipment and personnel. Was taken 10 Lorry loads instead of authorized one. Very necessary to accumulate extra stores to carry on a workshop efficiently	[illegible]
— —	6/5/17		German aeroplane flying low, machine gunned the workshop no casualties and no damage, bombs dropped in vicinity.	[illegible]
	7/5/17		Aftermath of Vimy Battle now causing very heavy casualties to Artillery equipment. Have condemned large numbers of 18 pdr guns and 4.5 Howitzers through destruction or damage by hostile shell fire	[illegible]
	8/5/17		Usual routine of repairs and overhaul of equipment.	[illegible]
	23/5/17		Took over duties temporarily of I.O.M S/Section Forst Army while this officer on leave. Carried out general inspections of guns in Battery positions and supervised workshops of Canadian & XIII Corps which comprise the Southern Section, First Army.	[illegible]
	31/5/17		N° of guns passed through N°26 Shop during May. 18 pdrs. 69. 6" Hows. 6; 4.5 Hows. 15. 60 pdr 6; 9.2 " 2.	[illegible]

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			June 1917 2	
A.20 d 30-60 Main Arras - Bethune Road	1/6/17		General work of overhaul and repair to Artillery Equipment, including 9.2 + 6 inch Howitzers	A.A.Bugin
	10/6/17		Took over equipment of N°8 Ord. Workshop and moved in personnel	A.A.Bugin
	17/6/17		Took over duties temporarily of I.O.M Southern Section (Fifth Army) while C. I.O.M on leave.	A.A.Bugin
			General work of inspections in Battery positions	
	25/6/17		Improved workshop buildings and enlarged position. Better accommodation now afforded.	A.A.Bugin
	27/6/17		Returned to workshop.	A.A.Bugin
	29/6/17		Will probably have to move again, as Corps area moved to the North slightly.	A.A.Bugin

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			July. 1917	
~~Hazebrouck~~ R.20d 30-60 Main Ouve-Bethune Road.	1/7/17		General overhaul & equipment shortage of 18 pdr guns (pieces only), have considerable number of carriages in shop awaiting new pieces.	AAS Lay-
	6/7/17		Inspected by Lieut. General Sir Henry Horne G.O.C. First Army. He made detailed and interested inspection of all guns in workshop and paid special attention to a 4.5 Howr and 6 inch 26 cwt. Howitzer, both of which had been damaged by premature bursts of shell in the bore. Was warned to prepare workshop for possible inspection by His Majesty.	AAS Lay-
	9/7/17		Visit postponed.	AAS Lay-
	11/7/17		Ring programme curtailed, N.M. inspected two battalion R.N. Division just in front of workshop, but did not inspect workshop	AAS Lay-
	13/7/17	10-45 P.M.	Enemy shelled Raulhecq near workshop. Thirteen rounds over & round workshop, splinters caused slight damage no casualties.	AAS Lay-

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A.20d 30-60	July 14/7/17		Two sixty pounders arrived for overhaul.	A.E.S. Mag.
	17/7/17		Proceeded on leave.	A.E.S. Mag.
	25/7/17		Returned from leave.	A.E.S. Mag.
	31/7/17		Received instructions to select a new site for workshop, further north - opposite Lens, so as to be in position to work for 1st and 3rd Canadian Division.	A.E.S. Mag.
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A.20d 30-60 near Ecurie	1/8/17		General overhaul & daily examination etc of Artillery Equipment.	AAS Capt
	2/8/17		Started to dismantle workshop, preparatory to moving to new position, chosen in Aux. Noulette, consequent upon slight leftwards move of Canadian Corps.	AAS Capt
Aix Noulette	4/8/17		Moved to Aux Noulette, took up position in an old Soap Factory, partially demolished by shell fire. Found tiled paved courtyard and tiled floor very suitable to workshop requirements. Possibilities of very good workshop.	AAS Capt
—"—	8/8/17		Move completed and workshop erected. Can probably claim the further advanced than any other workshop, in any case in First Army. Are in front of most Artillery wagon lines. Most convenient for Artillery concerned.	AAS Capt
—"—	14/8/17		~~Have been~~ Enemy has been shelling village and round workshop. No damage or casualties	AAS Capt
—"—	27/8/17		General work consequent upon heavy fighting in Battle for Hill 70.	AAS Capt

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			August	
Ax Noulette		19/8/17	Owing to shortage of 18pdr guns, have a great many empty carriages in shop. When a serviceable gun or an unserviceable carriage comes in am able to shape gun over to good carriage and issue immediately.	AAS Major
			Guns becoming very much scored and worn however, as they are doing double their normal amount of firing.	
		25/8/17	Examined some 60pdr guns in Maroc. condemned five out of six for excessive wear, shortage of these also.	AAS Major
		31/8/17	Workshop very busy. Considerable number of guns being hit by hostile shell fire. Enemy counter-battery work evidently improving.	AAS Major

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			September.	
Aix-Noulette	1/9/17		General work on Guns and Equipment, as exemplified in appendix.	ASS Reg-
— " —	5/9/17		Carried out repairs to an 18pdr carriage of 5th Canadian Div. Artillery, the first one to be brought in.	ASS Reg-
— " —	7/9/17		Sent out suggestions & hints for use of new 5th D.A. Brigades for their guidance as to effecting of repairs to their equipment, and procedure in getting them done quickly	ASS Reg-
— " —	15/9/17	11 AM	Visited by Sir Georgine West head of the production department in Ministry of Munitions who was touring the front in connection with supply and demand of spare parts etc. Took him up as to Army Redg's tree to view over Lens.	ASS Reg-
— " —	18/9/17		Visited two siege batteries in Liévin and Rollincourt, measured guns and advised as to repairs.	ASS Reg-

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			September	
Aix-Noulette	20/9/17		Temporarily replaced Armament Artificer of 10th Brigade C.F.A. slightly wounded - by a fitter from this workshop.	AAA
	30/9/17		Work done during month of September:-	
			Six inch Howitzer, overhauled — 7	
			60 pounder guns " — 3	
			4.5 inch Howitzer " — 7	
			18 pounder guns " — 40	
			Water carts 10	
			Feed kitchen 9	
			Wagons and carts 20	
			All with an effective personnel of approximately 25 mechanics and two lathes.	

A.A. Sullivan Lieut
1.O.M. Can. Corps.

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			The work of Light Ordnance Mobile Workshop is little known in circles outside the Artillery and others who have good cause to know the value of their work and the necessity of their existence. It is desirable for the sake of historical records that a more detailed account of their activities be given to augment the bare statements found in the Daily record. The equipment of such a workshop is necessarily small in order to ensure mobility and the establishment including the M.T. drivers of which there are 5, only amounts to one officer and, at present, 30 N.C.O.s & men. There are usually two light workshops to an Army Corps, each consisting of one workshop Lorry containing one small lathe and a few other tools and the generating set for electricity from which the workshop derives power and light, one Store Lorry	

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			containing small stores for carrying out repairs and One 3 Ton Lorry for carrying a 4 inch lathe and all the stores & baggage of the unit when a move takes place. Originally intended for Repair of Field guns only, these workshops now handle from two & three Divisional Artillerie, all the vehicles of those Divisions including infantry transport, water carts and field kitchens, and from nine & twelve Heavy and Siege Batteries. Workshops take up a suitable position, as centrally situated as possible with regard the Division being served. The shops are erected near a main road, and the site chosen with due regard to the heavy guns likely to be handled. A good hard flooring is required and shelters built up of scantling and carpenters or of corrugated iron. In many instances	

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			it has been possible to secure factory sites in undamaged towns or villages, while on the other hand it has often been necessary to erect workshop out in the open fields. It should be noted that on receiving an order to move, a workshop must proceed to pack up and dismantle the roof structure, but must continue to carry out repairs during the whole time without stopping or delaying any repairs. A move can be carried out in a day but a week is required to get thoroughly settled down in a new position. Machinery has to be carefully bedded down, roofs erected, billets or camps arranged, latrines built, all with one officer and 30 or 40 men who must keep artillery repairs going at the same time. Whereas the establishment allows the one lorry for carrying extra stores and baggage and originally intended the workshop to move in one trip, it now takes roughly twelve trips of this Lorry to complete one move owing to the extra stores now carried	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			Guns are sent in for repair at any time during night or day and the work is taken in hand immediately. It is usual for certain Artificers of the Batteries to come in with their guns in order to augment the personnel of the workshop, and all work is done under the supervision of the I.O.M (Inspector of Ordnance Machinery & O/C of the workshop) and officially trained Armament Artificers. A large number of men are taught & trained in these shops and they become Battery or Brigade Artificers in due course. Besides the work of supervision & command of the workshop, the I.O.M. usually a Lieut. or Captain when with a Corps, is responsible for the continual inspection of guns in the field, and to pass long and arduous trips to Heavy & Siege Batteries in all weathers to give advice & pronounce upon the condition of the bores of guns and Howitzers.	

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			this sentence on a gun or howitzer is usually considered final and the gun when condemned is sent to Hare for repair at Woolwich or some other large Armament Factory. Extensive slight repairs to carriages & mountings are done in the workshops, but actual repairs to the barrels or "pieces" as they are termed, are done in England. It will be readily understood that just after a big engagement there workshops bear a heavy strain and the men work night and day, a continuous flow of guns in and out can be seen at any time, guns big & small, - guns slightly but vitally damaged, guns totally destroyed, a steady flow to be made whole or replaced received and taken in hand by a small handful of keen and intelligent mechanics, a tiny but careful office staff and one enthusiastic officer with considerable responsibilities.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Air Noulette	5/10/17		General overhaul. Limbers and carriages	ACS Maj.
	6/10/17		Ordered to prepare eleven 18 pdr. carriages for reception of new "pieces" by 8th inst for issue to 4th Can. Divisional Artillery who have been short for some considerable time. Apparently new 18pdrs beginning to arrive at last. Most of the carriages all correct as they have been in shop a long time waiting for new pieces.	ACS Maj.
	8/10/17		Issued carriages as ordered. Instructed to prepare seven more for 3rd C.D.A. by 10th.	ACS Maj.
	10/10/17		Carriages issued.	ACS Maj.
	16/10/17		Received order that the two Canadian Shops would not move with Corps to the North, for the present. Are now with Vth Corps in consequence first time away from ~~the~~ our own Corps.	ACS Maj.
	31/10/17		Shop empty, point extremely quiet.	ACS Maj.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			November 1917.	
Ar-Houlette R. 16d 40-60	1/11/17		General Routine, repairs & guns and carriages of Divisional Artillery of 5th Corps. Workshop remained in position during period spent in Ypres Sector by Canadian Corps. First time that workshop has been away from Canadian Corps for any length of time.	ASB Major
	14th		On leave till 13th November, found on return everything very quiet and almost no work.	ASB Major
	19th		Considerable trouble experienced with elevating stays of 6 inch Newton Trench Mortars. Have designed a new type which I hope will prove an improvement.	ASB Major
	25th		Made and fitted new type elevating stay to a trench mortar belonging to 5th Can. Div. T.Ms. Experiment being carried out with it.	ASB Major
	30/11/17		Elevating stay successful, am submitting design. Have been appointed Deputy Presiding Officer for Canadian Elections, for Ordnance Workshops.	ASB Major

A. S. Butterworth
Major C.O.R.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Aix-Noulette	1/12/17		Daily routine of repairs to Guns, Carriages and repairs to Artillery Equipment generally.	AES Lyon
	10/12/17		Carried out inspection of three Batteries of 6" 26 cwt Howitzers and one 60 pdr. Heavy Battery. Measured guns and advised Battery officers as to care of equipment.	AES Lyon
	14/12/17		Rebuilding workshop to make more habitable for winter. Weather very cold for men working on guns.	AES Lyon
	20/12/17		Workshop completed and greatly improved.	AES Lyon
	22/12/17		Canadian Siege guns arriving from Ypres front. Considerable number require overhaul and inspection. Am looking after N°8 (Can.) workshop during absence on leave of I.O.M. N°8 — as well as the Onil.	AES Lyon
	25/12/17		Making Christmas arrangements for both shops Holiday for men. and work all completed	AES Lyon
	31/12/17		Work in morning, holiday in afternoon.	AES Lyon

A. E. Sullivan
Major

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Arr-Noulette	1/1/18		Repairs & Artillery Equipment. of 1st, 3rd and 5th Can. Div. Artillery	ASB Maj-
— . —	3/1/18		I.O.M. awarded D.S.O. & mentioned in Desp. New Year's Honours List.	ASB Maj-
— . —	7/1/18		Question of Elevating guys. - 6" Newton Trench Howitzer. Existing pattern too weak and continually breaking. New pattern designed in this Workshop and tried. With certain improvements will be successful. Am making six for trial.	ASB Maj-
— . —	10/1/18		Ordered to make 10 more for Army. Am of opinion that if successful this gear should be made by Base and not in Light shop where facilities are limited for manufacturing in quantities. It is impossible to carry out such work and at same time & keep up ordinary gun work as well.	ASB Maj-
— . —	20/1/18		Above work completed with help of Nos 8 & 33 workshops. T.M. people seem pleased with new idea, hope it will now be officially introduced, as T.Ms continually out of action. Question serious, but Authorities slow to move in matter of manufacture in quantity.	ASB Maj-
— . —	31/1/18		Not much ordinary gun work in shop at present. Casualties Nil. Men in good health.	ASB Maj-

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and References to Appendices
			February	
Aix Noulette	1/2/18		Repairs to Artillery Equipment. Continuation of manufacture of Elevating and Trav. Guys 6" Newton Trench Mortars. Both guys proving successful	A.S.Thy-
	9-2-18		Called upon by D.D.O.S First Army to supply drawings and sketches showing methods of repair and reasons of failure of original Trench Mortar guys and proposed new pattern designed by me and now undergoing experiment and trial.	A.S.Thy-
	10/2/18		Supplied necessary information.	A.S.Thy-
	12/2/18		More drawings required for information of G.H.Q and War Office. Hope W.O. will undertake manufacture on large scale.	A.S.Thy-
	15/2/18		T.M. Batteries still asking for more of new design 30 already supplied. Appears a great success	A.S.Thy-
	21/2/18		Not much Artillery work in at present. All Divisions in particularly good condition.	A.S.Thy-
	28/2/18		All quiet. Went on leave. 3 60pdr carriages in for overhaul	A.S.Thy-

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			March.	
Aix-Noulette	1/3/18		General overhaul of guns and equipment of 1st & 2nd Can. Divisions. Very little work at present	
do —	10/3/18		Returned from leave, found everything running smoothly.	A.A.S. Major
— " —	14/3/18		Have been issued with Machine gun for anti-aircraft purposes	A.A.S. Major
— " —	18/3/18		Heard from G.H.Q. that my pattern French mortar elevating and traversing gear has been adopted for B.E.F.	A.A.S. Major
do —	21/3/18		Great German offensive commenced.	A.A.S. Major
— " —	31/3/18		Canadian Corps taking over area southwards. workshop now in 1st Corps for time being.	A.A.S. Major
			Warned that I must return shop to Ruitz & former position of this workshop October 1916 & March 1917. All disappointed at being retired away from our own corps during this special period. Hope to return bit soon.	

A.A.S. Sutherland
Major

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and References to Appendices
			APRIL	
1-4-18 Aix-Noulette	1st		Preparing to move workshop in accordance with orders from 1st Corps under whom we are now working.	A.S.S. Lyon
4-4-18	4/4/18		Moved workshop to RUITZ Sheet 36b. H25a 1-9 Five Lorries sent by S.M.T.O. Three trips required i.e. 15 Loads. Men as usual working with great willingness.	A.S.S. Lyon
RUITZ	5/4/18		Visited new site and found one gun shed already built 18 hours after receiving orders to move. One Gun already in for overhaul.	A.S.S. Lyon
	6/4/18		Completed clearing of old site and moved my belongings into RUITZ. Very sorry to leave N°10 Observation Group R.E with whom we have been living in great amity. The new position is same as occupied by us from Oct. 16 - 1916 & March 4th 1917. Position fair for heavy guns, good for light. Too far back.	A.S.S. Lyon
	12-4-18		Settled down and in good working order. Keeping as mobile as possible in case of emergency.	A.S.S. Lyon
	30-4-18.		General work of overhaul being carried out.	A.S.S. Lyon

A.S.S. Lyon
Major

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and References to Appendices
			MAY	
Ruitz H25a.19 36B.	1/5/18		General routine overhaul of gun carriages of 46th Bde. - 11th Bde. 5th R.F.A. Bde and 8th R.F.A. Bde. and four 18 pounder Heavy Batteries.	
			Shop still in 1st Corps serving close units. Hope to get back to our Corps at some future date.	
	7/5/18		Commenced a series of two hour lectures on or two each day to personnel of Artillery units on the air recuperator of the new 18 pr carriage. It is found that a great deal of instruction will be necessary before the equipment will be cared for properly. Apart from this lack of knowledge on the part of the personnel, the air recuperator is a great success, and it will be a pity if it is prevented from being a complete success merely by lack of adequate simple instruction.	
	12/5/18		Attended a demonstration given by 5th Can. Bde. Artillery upon mobile use of 6" Newton French Mortars. Demonstration proved how useful such a weapon could be if made	

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RUITZ K.25 a.1.9 36B.	12/5/18		sufficiently mobile.	AAS major
	15/5/18		Am working on a new mobile platform and bed for the 6 inch French Mortar. It is difficult to keep each load light enough while yet retaining its strength, as there is no buffer or any kind of shock absorber & the mortar and the platform bed take a heavy shock.	AAS major
	31/5/18		Completed 25 lectures to the artillery personnel and have now finished for the present.	AAS major
			Work done in workshop during May.	
			18 pounder guns 24	
			4.5 Howitzer 12	
			75 mm (Portuguese 2	A.A. Sullivan major
			Anti-aircraft guns 2	
			60 pdr guns 4	
			6" Howitzer 26 cwt. 2	10th 26 omnibus

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Place	Date	Hour	JUNE — Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and References to Appendices
REITZ	1/6/18		General routine of overhaul and inspection of Guns and Equipments of 11th Division 1st Division & 4th & 5th A.F.A. Bdes and one Bde. of Heavy & Siege Artillery.	A.A.S. Maj.
—"—	7/6/18		Inspected by Brigadier General R.H. Scott D.D.O.S. First Army, on taking up his new appointment.	A.A.S. Maj.
	14/6/18		Further consultation upon subject of mobile trench mortar beds. My design approved with slight modification in certain particular.	A.A.S. Maj.
	26/6/18		Attended funeral of my brother, Lieut. L.H. Bullmstan, West Yorkshire Regt. killed in action 24/6/18. Buried at Mazingarbe.	A.A.S. Maj.
	30/6/18		Proceeded on special leave to England owing to sickness of child.	A.A.S. Maj.

A.A.S. Bullmstan
Major

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			July 1918	
Ruitz	1/7/18		Visited 115 Heavy Battery, measured & inspected Guns. One 60pdr. with cracked cradle ordered in to workshop	AAS mayor
	2/7/18	AM	Visited 125 Heavy Battery and inspected its guns. also 28 & 27th Siege Batteries and measured up their guns.	AAS mayor
	3/7/18	PM	Visited 193 Siege Battery and 481 Siege Battery & carried out inspections. These last are 6" Mk. XIX guns.	AAS mayor
	4/7/18	AM	Visited 158 Siege Battery. These inspections are all in connection with bi-monthly measurements of all guns & Howitzers required by G.H.Q. & follow their wear and to keep records of duration of their life etc.	AAS mayor
	5/7/18		Completed 6" Newton Mobile Trench Mortar platform designed in this workshop and to be submitted with others to a test and demonstration by First Army, (originated by R.A. Canadian Corps) for purpose of choosing a suitable design to enable this Trench Mortar to be used in Mobile Warfare. Platform is of triangular shape and combines both bed & sub-bed. It takes into four loads and can be readily put together for action	AAS mayor
	6/7/18		Platform found successful at preliminary trial carried out by 5th Can. Div. Arty. for whom platform was originally designed.	AAS mayor

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Place	Date	Hour	July 1918 Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Roitz	7/7/18	Am	Visited 115 Heavy Battery upon matter of gun (60pdr) shewing excessive wear and its carriage requiring considerable overhaul.	AAS mcy
	11/7/18		Reported to me that 6 inch T.M. platform issued for trial on 5th proved great success at Army trial on 10th slight modifications required at suggestion of R.A. First Army and these will be done in shop. Feel gratified at this success, hope platform will be introduced. This is probably mentioned in Diary of G.O.C. 5th Can. Div. Arty.	AAS mcy
			Platform arrived for modification and painting.	AAS mcy
	12/7/18	Am	Returned from special leave.	AAS mcy
	14/7/18	P.M.	Work has been carried on very satisfactorily by Armament S.M. Philipps C.O.C., the S.M. of Workshop	AAS mcy
	16/7/18.		Received instructions to prepare to return to Canadian Corps who are now in line at Arras.	AAS mcy
	17/7/18		Am arranging to change workshop sites with N°6 workshop at Savy-Berlette. Have been instructed to leave all buildings standing as N°6 shop has no portable shedding, but are situated in a permanent barn. This causes hardship on this unit, as, should I be called upon to move again, I shall be without shelters till I make more.	AAS mcy

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Place	Date	Hour	July 1918 Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Roitz	18/7/18		Completing arrangements for moving. Two lorry loads sent off to Savy. These will return with stores from incoming shop. Four 18pdr guns just completed will be handed over to N°6 workshop for disposal.	AAS map
	19/7/18		Completed move of workshop to Savy-Berlette.	AAS map
Savy-Berlette	20/7/18		Men in tents and bivouacs	AAS map
Dila 50.90 Sheet 51c.	21/7/18		Two incomplete guns taken over from N°6 workshop. Am completing these. Workshop considered too far back, by R.A. Can. Corps. At present have a part of N°8 (Canadian) workshop, as system in this area has been, hitherto, to keep a double shop well in rear and a portion of a shop in a forward position to handle quick repairs only. This system wastes an officer and destroys identity of the split shop. Am arranging to choose left & right positions so that one shop can deal completely with the left of the Canadian Corps and the other with the right. This has always proved successful with the two Canadian shops.	
	22/7/18		Am obtaining material to build up two large portable sheds one for each Can. shop in case we move soon to an open position.	AAS map

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Place	Date	Hour	July 1918 Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Savy-Berlette	23/7/18		Have chosen one site for N°8 O.M.W.(L) under instructions A.D.O.S Can. Corps and am searching for a site b right centre of Corps area for N°26 shop. Great difficulty is experienced in arranging for a site in farming country as a hard floor for the guns is essential.	Ass mag-
	24/7/18		Have suggested a site in the open country near Warlus on road AGNEZ-DUISANS — Warlus.	Ass mag-
	25/7/18		Work proceeding on portable structures. Hope b be truly mobile when they are completed, so that I could move at a moments notice into any position.	Ass mag-
	26/7/18		Very little gun work at present in shop. Two 4.5 Howitzers for overhaul.	Ass mag-
	27/7/18		Two 18 pdr guns for inspection & overhaul.	Ass mag-
	28/7/18		Preparing to move to new site. Three 18 pdr guns for repair. Considerable vehicle work, socles G.S. wagons & Field Kitchens. One vehicle being repaired for an American unit.	Ass mag-
	29/7/18		Suddenly ordered to complete all Canadian guns forthwith and get them away. Do not know reason.	Ass mag-
	30/7/18		Canadian Corps H.Q. disappeared in night. am apparently to remain behind pro tem.	Ass mag-
	31/7/18		Am holding up move in case Canadian Corps sends for the workshop.	Ass mag-

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Place	Date	Hour	AUGUST. Summary of Events	
Savy-Berlette	1/8/18		Completed all Canadian work. Standing by in case am called upon to move	ACS major
	2/8/18		Completing portable structures and preparing Lorries for moving	ACS major
	3/8/18		Received orders to move N°26 and N°8 Workshops to Saleux in 4th Army Area (Officer I report in advance to D.D.O.S 4th Army).	ACS major
—	4/8/18	Am	Six Lorries arrived to take men and stores to Saleux. Proceeded myself to 4th Army leaving instructions for I.O.M N°8 Workshop to bring both shops down. Informed afterwards that no Lorries arrived for N°8 shop and consequently N°26 only proceeded.	
Saleux Sheet 11E R31d 00.			Met N°26 Shop in evening outside Amiens and guided the Lorries to Saleux. Workshop Lorry had broken down on way. Instructed I.O.M. N°8 to bring Workshop down next day if Lorries arrived.	ACS major
	5/8/18		Received orders from 4th Army to move to St Fuscien and prepare a position for N°8 & 26 shops together. Moved and commenced erection of shops. Found my portable structures very valuable and was able to build shop upon an open field.	
St Fuscien Sheet 62D S 13 b.3.0.			N°8 Workshop arrived outside Amiens at a place detailed by me and were guided through the City by me to St Fuscien, arriving 7.15 pm. Thus the two shops were together for the first time. System in this Army to couple workshops in pairs but reconsider the plan bad, shops work better alone and unnecessary duplication is avoided.	ACS major

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N°26 (Cdn) Ord. Mobile Workshop (Light) and I.O.M. Cdn. Corps

Place	Date	Hr.	August. Summary of Events.
St Fuscien Sheet 62D S.13.B.30	4/8/18		Continued erection of workshops and considered it to be sound policy to erect a good convenient shop even though coming battle may make an immediate move forward necessary. The present site – all prepared – would be available for an incoming medium shop which would follow up behind for Siege Artillery repairs. Visited by Chief Inspector Ordnance Machinery, 4th Army. and an I.O.M. from G.H.Q. Criticised by these Officers for having so much stores and for having required six Lorries to move each shop. Explained that within reason, the better equipped the better the work and faster turn out of guns and vehicles. As it was raining hard the value of the portable sheds was self evident though this did not meet with their approval either as it was considered that my mobility was effected. Experience has shown me in 2½ years that a shop – moving so much as we Canadians do – must be as self contained as possible in order to be always ready for work. The tendency here, appears to be to cut down as much as possible to the detriment of efficiency in my opinion. I have always been able to get into action without any delay. Workshops reported ready for action. No guns in shops.

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N°26 (Cdn). Ord. Mobile Workshop (Light) and I.O.M. Cdn. Corps

Place	Date	Hr.	Summary of Events	Remarks
St Fuscien Sheet 62D S.13b. 3.0.	7/8/18		Instructed by D.D.O.S. Fourth Army to take over temporarily duties of Sectional I.O.M Cdn. Corps, to supervise work of all shops in or attached to Cdn Corps during coming operations. In order to cope with large amount of Artillery being concentrated, four Light shops and two Medium are to be employed in the Corps, my own work being to keep in touch with Artillery Headquarters and to be responsible that all repairs are carried out quickly in shops. It will be my duty to evenly distribute the work over the shops and to inspect guns of Siege & Heavy Batteries in position constantly and in fact to see to the welfare of all guns and equipment in the Corps during the Battle. Nos 2 & 24 Light workshops and Nos 1 & 7 Medium Shops are to be at my disposal besides Nos 8 & 26 Canadian workshops. An Imperial (Temporary) I.O.M is to be placed in charge of N°26 (Cdn) Workshop during my absence. Organised an office in St Fuscien and prepared to keep in constant touch with Artillery and shops besides keeping A.D.O.S Cdn. Corps informed always as to requirements and progress.	Major

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N°26 (Cdn.) Ord. Mobile Workshop
(Light)
and 1.O.M. Cdn. Corps.

Place	Date	Hr.	Summary of Events	Remarks
St Fuscien	8/8/18		Day of Canadian advance finds me with two Light shops (8 & 26 Canadian) in action instead of six promised.	
	—	10 AM.	Two light shops not yet arrived and two mediums still out in back area. Went forward with A.D.O.S Cdn. Corps and looked out for a new position for a Light Shop for repairs & Field and Heavy Artillery, the guns having already gone a long way forward. Suggested to A.D.O.S that N°26 which I had kept ready to move at a moment's notice should advance at once and take up a roadside position near Domart on main Amiens-Roye Rd. and that N°8 should follow as soon as possible, my idea being to bring N°7 Medium shop up into the St Fuscien position vacated by 8 & 26. This agreed to.	Ass mag.
		2 PM	Moved N°26 (Cdn) to Domart, Sheet 62D, U26 central. Went to Saleux where I found N°7 Medium shop preparing to unpack, but in no way in action. Decided to bring them to St Fuscien at once and convoyed them myself, their own 1.O.M. being in their rear position bringing up remainder of stores.	
—	9/8/18		N°s 2 & 24 Light shops arrived during night. Sent them to Boves to selected site in that Town. N°8 workshop moved to a Quarry in Domart just ahead of N°26.	Ass mag.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			AUGUST	
St Fuscien	9/8/18		Checked by C.I.O.M. 4th Army for having moved shops up without authority from him, but my actions having been approved by A.D.O.S. Cdn Corps and in conformity with wishes of Artillery Commander Cdn. Corps, I felt secure. It is not feasible that Army should run Corps workshops during any operation, and this should be recognised as soon as possible. The Corps knows the situation locally long before Army.	
			N°1 Medium shop moved into Billet 626 on Amiens - Saleux Road - mfr. a Bedstead Factory. Very good site but too far back to be of any use to our Artillery.	
			Position of Workshops this day.	
			N° I Medium — Amiens	
			N° 7 — " — — St Fuscien Sheet 62D S13 & 30	
			N° 8 (Cdn) Light — Domart Sheet 62D U26 d 2.9	
			N° 21 (Cdn) Light — — " — ——— . — U26 central	
			N° 2 Light — Boves }	
			N° 24 Light — Boves } ——— T 7 C 4.8	

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N°26 (Cdn) Ordnance Mobile Workshop (Light) and I.O.M. Cdn. Corps.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			AUGUST	
St Fuscien	9/8/18		Visited and inspected 6" VII guns of 192 Siege Bty condemned gun N° 1337 for wear.	ASS major
	10/8/18		Looked out forward sites for workshops in MARCELCAVE and BEAUCOURT. Being pressed by Corps to move up closer to Artillery Being held back by Army Ordered by Corps to move 2 × 24 Light Shops to Marcelcave Allowed by C.I.O.M. to move 24 only. Wished to move 8 × 26 up to Beaucourt in order to bring N°1 Medium into site vacated by them at Domart. Not allowed to carry this plan out.	ASS major
	11/8/18		Visited N°1 Medium Workshop and was informed by I.O.M. in charge that his heavy lifting tackle and tents had been ordered to Base by C.I.O.M. as not necessary. This continual cutting down to meet requirements of reduced transport seriously affecting efficiency of Workshops. A spirit of false economy seems to be creeping into the Army.	ASS major
	12/8/18		Visited Can. Corps. Heavy Artillery with whom have been in constant touch. Obtained information from them as to new positions of Batteries. Visited 256 Siege Battery. One 8 inch Howr damaged by bomb fire the night before.	ASS major

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Army Form C. 2118.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
St Fuscien	12/6/18		Visited N°8 (Cdn) Ord. Workshop. Found that they had been very heavily bombed the previous night. Ascertained that I.O.M. N°8 and Armament S.M. of N°26 Workshop had behaved with great gallantry in checking the fire started by bombs and in removing petrol clear from the vicinity while enemy aircraft were still overhead and the neighbourhood was brilliantly lighted up by an ignited shell dump less than 50 yards away. The pieces from this dump were flying in all directions. Bombs had destroyed the Workshop Lorry —i.e. the Lorry fitted up with machinery etc— and the blazing dump had completely burned down the Workshop office & records and a large amount of stores which were in a large store tent. Beyond two shell shock cases there were no casualties and no guns were damaged. The remainder of Workshop with the guns undergoing repair was undoubtedly saved by the action of Captain H. Durling C.O.C. I.O.M. N°8 Workshop and Armt. S.M. Philipps R.H. C.O.C. N°26 Ord. Workshop	

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N°26 (Cdn.) Ordnance Mobile Workshop (Light) and 1.O.M. Cdn. Corps.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			AUGUST	
SE Fosseen	13/8/18		Visited D/168 Battery & investigate destruction of a 4.5 inch Howitzer by premature explosion of a shell in the bore.	
			Visited 51st Battery C.F.A. 5th C.D.A. on similar investigation. These positions at L 19 c 4.6 sheet 66E.	
			Sent I.O.M. N°7 Medium workshop to inspect 6" Gun Mark XIX of 525 Siege Battery destroyed by premature.	
			Visited Can. Corps Heavy Artillery in order to keep in touch with Batteries through them.	
			During all preceeding period since commencement of battle very little gun work has come to any shop. The cause seems to be the small amount of firing which has been done owing to the rapidity of the advance and due to the fact that the equipment of the Canadian Corps had been very thoroughly overhauled during the winter in the various workshops.	
			N°24 Light Workshop now in MARCELCAVE sheet 62D V 10 a 2.0	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			AUGUST	
St Eloi	13/8/18		Inspected 6" Howitzer of the 11th Canadian Siege Battery, destroyed by premature	
			Instructed 1st O. Rk of forward shops to call once a day if possible at any Artillery Headquarters near them, in order to keep in touch	AAA map
	14/8/18		Visited No I Medium workshop.	
			Visited advanced Heavy Mobile for a 6" MK VII Vent Axial, none were available. Already enquired of Gun Park for Vent Axials but no luck apparently none in the Army. Vent Axial sent in will have to be repaired	
			Visited No 2 Light Wkshop also 8 and 26	
			Visited No 7 Medium wkshop, work going along.	
			I O Rk No 8 Light reports shortage of 60 Ldr springs	AAA map
	15/8/18		Visited No 7 Old Mob. Wkshop (Medium)	
			— " — — " — 2 — — — Light	
			— " — — " — 8/26 — — — — " —	
			— " — — " — 24 — — — — " —	
			Visited Canadian Corps Heavy Artillery Headquarters, informed Maj G. O. C. R.A. was insisting upon moving workshops nearer the line.	AAA map
			Visited A.D.O.S. Canadian Corps who instructed me to call Dep C.I.O. Rk at Army to arrange the move of workshops	

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No 26 Ord Mobile Wkshop (Lt) and 10 Ln 6dn Corps.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	August			
St Fuscien	13/8/18		C.I.O.M instructed me to move 2 Ord Mob Wkshop (Lt) to MARCELCAVE and No 8 Wkshop to BEAUCOURT	
	16/8/18		Visited Boutillerie where No 18 Light Wkshop now is, with a view to putting No 1 Medium in.	
			Advised C.I.O.M site suitable	
			Visited Nos 2, 8 and 26 Light Wkshops.	
			Issued necessary instructions for moving No 8	
			Visited following 8" Batteries upon question of strengthening platforms:-	
			135 Siege Battery	
			256 Siege Battery	
			145 Siege Battery	
			While at 135 Siege Battery I saw a premature occur in 116 Heavy Battery.	
			Condemned above gun and carriage	
	17/8/18		Visited 116 Heavy Battery with I.O.O. investigating premature.	
			Inspected 6" Howitzer No 2172 of 186 Siege Battery at L20 a 0.8 for stripped lands ~~found 4 lands stripped~~. Gave sentence to continue firing until 6 lands were stripped	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			August	
St Foscien	17/8/18		Examined carriage transporting 9.2 Howitzer of 121 Siege Battery, condemned same as beyond local repair.	
			Examined platforms of 8th Canadian Siege Battery	Ass mag
			Visited C.C.H.A. and 2, 24 and 26 Light Workshops	
	18/8/18		Accompanied D.D.O.S Canadian Corps on visits to 2 and 24 Ord Knob Wkshops (L), 8 and 26 Ord Knob. Wkshops (L)	
			Instructed I.O.M. No 2 Wkshop to inspect and measure 6" MK VII Gun of 192 Siege Battery in answer to request by wire from Battery	Ass mag
			Visited No 1 Medium Wkshop.	
	19/8/18		Visited C.I.O.M. 4th Army, No 5 Heavy Mobile Wkshop, I.O.M. No 8 Wkshop (Light)	Ass mag
Boutillerie	20/8/18		Moved S.I.O.M. Office to Boutillerie.	
			A.D.O.S Canadian Corps called at Office and informed me of award of the Military Medal to Sergt Major Phillips A.H. 26 Ord Knob Wkshop (Light) Proceeded to 26 Wkshop to inform recipient	Ass mag
			Visited Nos 2/24 Wkshops Light and No 7 Medium	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	August			
Bootillerie	21/8/18		At request of C.C.H.A Visited 192 Siege Battery, inspected all 6" MK VI Guns and condemned Gun No 2477 Rapid rate of fire is causing these guns to wear out very quickly. Visited 1/1 Highland Heavy Battery R.G.A. —"— 14 Siege Battery —"— 11 Canadian Siege Battery in forward and rear positions. Visited 8, 26 and 24 Wkshops (Light) and found that No 2 Light had been withdrawn, of which I had received no notification whatever from Army, I only found out by chance.	AAA major
	22/8/18		Under instructions received from Fourth Army, prepared to empty Light Shops of all work, in order to get them clear of the Area, which is to be occupied by the French Army. Placed all 60 Pdr work on the Medium Wkshops.	AAA major
	23/8/18		Canadian Corps has left the Area, IX Corps Heavy Artillery has taken over from C.C.H.A. and a portion of the IX Corps are being used to clear the battle field	AAA major

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Place	Date	Hour	August. Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Bootilleric	24/8/18		Awaiting Orders to move the Canadian workshops back to Canadian corps in First Army Area.	
			No 26 Workshop moved out and placed temporarily with No 5 Heavy Mobile at Montierres	ASS mag
	25/8/18		Took over duties of S.I.O.M. IX Corps pro. tem.	
			Visited IX Corps Heavy Artillery	
			Visited 192 Siege Battery	ASS mag
	26/8/18		Inspected 493 Siege Battery	ASS mag
	27/8/18		Nothing of importance	ASS mag
	28/8/18		Received instructions to move 8 and 26 Light Workshops to Savy Berlette First Army Area.	ASS mag
			Reported to C.I.O. In First Army and handed over papers etc and moved the workshop lorries as ordered, leaving instructions to I.O. In Ins & O. In. W(L) to bring remainder of both shops and stores, together with S.I.O. Ins Office and Staff, when necessary lorries arrived from IX Corps. These lorries did not arrive, I understand that Canadian Corps have been wired to send necessary lorries. These are not forthcoming, Canadian Corps are now engaged in new operations at Arras.	ASS mag
			Arrived at Savy with Workshop lorries.	

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26 Grd. Mobile Wkshop (C) and I.O. In Can Corps.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			August.	
SAVY BERLETTE	29/8/18		Reported to ~~D.D.O.S.~~ First Army and C. I. O. In. meeting them at Savy. Received instructions to arrange with A.D.O.S Canadian Corps. for forward positions for 8 and 26 Wkshops. Reported to A.D.O.S. chose site near Achicourt at G 34.c 2.3 sheet 51 B. Rec sign yet of I.O. In 8 with remainder of Workshop. Moved three Wkshop lorries and got into action with what little equipment I had. Built Temporary shed from material lying around.	
~~BEAURAINS~~ G.34c 2.3	30/8/18		Chose position ready for No 8 Wkshop near NEUVILLE VITASSE. Two lorries arrived from Fourth Army with part of Wkshop stores. I.O. In No 8 arrived this evening and reported remainder of lorries on the way up. The troubles of the last few days and the slow move of the workshops proves the inadequacy of transport allowed for these workshops. Trouble has been experienced ever since the 3 ton lorry was removed from the establishment of Light Workshops.	
	31/8/18		No 8 Workshop moved to its position. Remainder of equipment of 26 Wkshop arrived. Completion of Workshops proceeded with.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			September 1918	
G 34 C 2.3	1/9/18		Took over duties of I.O. in Canadian Corps under instructions of C.I.O. in First Army. Duties during present operations, to exercise control over Light Workshops of Canadian Corps, these being Nos 8 and 26 Canadian and 44 and 62 Imperial, also all inspections of 60 Pdr Batteries.	
	2/9/18		Visited 62 Workshop at Louez. No 44 Workshop arrived. Ordered to look out forward positions for 44 and 62 Wkshops at about O 16 d 99 and O 27 c 2.7	
			Operations by Canadian Corps proceeding, work commencing to arrive at 8 and 26 Wkshops. No 62 Wkshop has considerable amount of 18 Pdr work still in, I am endeavouring to get them clear for moving.	
	3/9/18		No 26 Wkshops completed erection of buildings. No 44 Wkshop in temporary position near 26.	
	4/9/18		No 44 Wkshop shelled out of present position instructed them to move about 1/4 mile away and await orders to move into chosen forward position when situation permits. Certain special stores for quick replacement in Guns have been issued to those shops whom at any given period are in the forward position. Should another shop pass forward of them, these stores will be taken by the latter shop, in order that they should be available for quick issue to the Artillery as required. Guns in No 26 Wkshop 8 = 18 Pdrs, 2 = 60 Pdrs	
	5/9/18		Visited 147 Heavy Battery, Visited 8 Ord Mob. Wkshop at Heuville Vitasse. It has been arranged that all 60 Pdr guns in Canadian Corps will be under my charge for inspection and [illegible] and all four Light Wkshops, also all Field Artillery for supervision. There are now 8 Divisional Artillery and 6 A.F.A. Brigades and 1056 Pdr Batteries under my charge	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			September 1918.	
G34 c 2.3	6/9/18		Visited 121 Heavy Battery and 195 Siege Battery, carried out inspection in latter place at request of O.C., Battery being shelled at the time. Moved 62 and 44 Workshops to neighbouring sites at O27 c 3.7, the O16 d site chosen before, was found to be too near our left flank, which is continually under enemy shell fire	
	7/9/18		Visited 147 Heavy Battery and measured all guns. Visited 26 Heavy Battery. Visited 520 Siege Battery at request of O.C. where premature had just occurred to one 6" MK XIX Gun. Muzzle blown off. Reassured O.C. as to remainder of his guns and reported the matter to S.D.O. in "B" Section First Army.	AES
	8/9/18		Sent Sgt Major Philipps of 26 Wkshop to measure guns at 121 and 2 H.B. Guns overhauled by 26 Wkshop during preceding 6 days = 40.	AES
	9/9/18		Attended Conference held by D.D.O.S. First Army at which were present D.D.O.S. First Army, Brig General Scott C.R.A. G, D.S.O., Lieut Col Routh-Jones D.S.O, A.D.O.S. First Army, Lieut Col Everett C.D.O. to First Army, Lieut Col Count-de-Perry A.D.O.S. Cdn Corps, Capt. Pierson O.C. No 1 Gun Park First Army. This Conference held to formulate plans for the most efficient operation of workshops and quick supply of Gun Parts and replacement of new guns, during rapid advance such as have been experienced during the past month. It is hoped to have a sound scheme planned out for next spring.	AES

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			September 1918	
G 34 c 2.3	10/9/18		Ordered to take over duties in addition to my own, of I.O.M. "B" Section First Army comprising 22 Corps and Canadian Corps.	
	11/9/18		Visited 184 Siege Battery of 9.2 Howitzers. Saw O.C. ordered impression to be taken of one Howitzer on forward face of chamber.	
			Visited 1st Canadian Heavy Battery, saw Artificer	
			Visited Headquarters 8th Bde R. G. A. at V 22 d 9.9, enquired as to batteries	
			Accompanied by O.C. Bde and I.O.O. of Canadian Corps, visited and inspected guns of following batteries:-	
			179 Siege Battery	
			31 Heavy Battery	
			and investigated premature at 1/1 Lowland Heavy Battery and inspected guns	
			Visited 140 Siege Battery, saw Battery Commander who reported no trouble.	
			Visited 520 Siege Battery 6" MK XII upon matter of premature and of wear of two other guns.	
			Visited 133 Heavy Battery	
			Investigating premature and inspected all guns, Had tea with Battery Commander and discussed matters of interest.	
			Spent whole evening on reports and office work.	

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WAR DIARY or ~~**INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY**~~ 26 Ord Ammn-Wkshop (L) and I.O.M. 6th Corps.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			September 1918	
G34c 2.3	11/9/18 Contd		Sent I.O.M 8 O.M.W. (L) to 121 Heavy Battery, had slight casualty to his Car Driver by splinter of shell, Very dangerous area, while our left flank is so exposed.	
	12/9/18	A.M. 8.30	Reported to C.I.O.M's office consulted him re-distribution of work, during absence of S.I.O.M "B" Section, First Army.	
		P.M.	Visited Adv. Gun Park.	
			Visited 20 Wkshop (Medium)	
			Visited 19 Wkshops (Medium)	
			Visited S.I.O.M "B" Section Office to deal with his correspondence.	
			Dealt with letters etc of 26 Ord Ammn Wkshop.	
			Completed days work of I.O.M. 6th Corps.	
	13/9/18		Visited A.I.O.S. 6th Corps.	
			Visited I.O.M 8 O.M.W. (L)	
			Visited 44 and 62 Wkshops, while there D.D.O.S First Army Brig General Scott C.M.G. D.S.O. arrived to inspect the shops, He had already inspected No 26 Wkshop at G.34 c 2.3	
			Went from there to S.I.O.M "B" Section Office to see if there was any correspondence to attend to	
			~~Spent evening in completing~~ days work of I.O.M. 6th Corps and I.O.M 26 O.M.W. (L)	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			September 1918	
G.34 c 2.3	14/9/18		Visited A.D.O.S. Cdn Corps upon matters connected with personnel of proposed Medium Ordnance Workshop for Canadian Corps, which it is hoped will soon be finally approved. Certain promotions and moves will be necessary in 8 and 26 Workshops to provide sufficiently, efficient and experienced frame work for the new shop, which will have to carry on its functions right from the start. The personnel for this shop has been trained in No 26 Workshop the members being attached for training and testing from Infantry and Artillery Units. Visited S.D.O.M. "B" Sections Office, returned to D.O.M. Cdn Corps Office and then proceeded to Heavy Mobile Workshop for sight carriers B.2. 60 Pdr carriages for 133 HB. who have unalloyed and unstrengthened patterns which are becoming inaccurate.	
	15/9/18		Visited S.D.O.M. Office completed necessary work there. Visited 8 R.M.A. Battery 15" Howitzer, damaged platform girders requiring repair. Ordered them to Heavy Mobile Workshop, where such things are done. Visited No 2 Light Workshop also No 55 upon matter of carrying out an order from War Office, to withdraw a part worn 18 Pdr Gun whose life was nearly finished, apparently required for experiment. This indicates the range of an D.O. this Work in all ... 15" Howitzer to an 18 Pdr Gun in half an hour.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			September 1918	
G34 C2.3	10/9/18 Cont'd		Visited 20 Medium Wkshops and saw new QF 18 Pdr Carriage and Gun, took very good hope to get it into this shop for instructional purposes	
			Visited No 19 Medium Wkshop.	AES major
	16/9/18		Visited 326 Siege Battery examined Gun 957 advised Battery Commander	
			Visited 133 Heavy Battery for a matter of new sight carriers	
			Visited 393 Siege Battery for a matter of inaccurate Gun.	
			Visited Headquarters 3rd Can Bde inquired as to condition of battery, had lunch with Bde Commander. At his request visited 8th Bde Siege Battery, examined gun struck by hostile shell fire, ordered it into 19 Medium Wkshop.	
			Visited 29 Heavy Brigade Headquarters saw Brigade Commander	
			Visited 77 Bde Hdquarters.	
			Visited 91 Bde Hdquarters.	
			Visited 44 and 62 Light Workshops.	AES major
	17/9/18	AM	Visited A.D.O.S. Canadian Corps.	
			Visited Field Cashier and R.A. Canadian Corps.	
		PM	Visited S.D.O. No "B" Section Office	
			Visited 60 Siege Battery on matter of 6" MK VII Gun.	AES major
			Visited 20 Medium Wkshop and returned to 26 Cyd. Rest. Wkshop to pay men.	

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26 Grd Mobile Workshop (L) and D.O.M. Cdn Corps.

Army Form C. 2118.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			September 1918	
G 34 c 2.3	18/9/18		Visited 60 Siege Battery and measured 6" MK VII Gun No 1470	
			Visited 158 Siege Battery and advised artificer	
			Called at C.D.O.M. Office for advice as to Gun 1470. Took Gutta-Percha impression with me of its scoring	
			Visited advanced Gun Park and A.D.O.S. Cdn Corps.	
	19/9/18	A.M.	Visited 461 Siege Battery and measured 9.2 VIII Gun No 448	
			This gun on a railway mounting is doing excellent shooting. Battery beginning to be afraid of its accuracy on account of scoring in chamber and at commencement of Rifling. Took Gutta Percha impressions and judged that gun still had 300 rounds to fire before condemnation.	
		P.M.	Visited A.D.O.S. Canadian Corps with D.O.O who is at present living with one	
			Visited C.D.O.M First Army to consult with him upon matter of tomorrows conference re question of advanced workshop policy and of a more simple method of demanding and obtaining guns etc during Active operations. The question of spare guns stores was gone into carefully. These spares to be held at advanced First Aid Shops.	
			Returned to 26 Workshop and completed outstanding office work, all questions of pay and personnel ~~matter~~, besides our various and many technical duties devolve on one officer in these shops.	
	20/9/18		Went to lunch with C.D.O.M First Army at Army Headquarters and prepared for the Conference to be held this afternoon.	

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26 Ord. Mob. Workshop (L) and I.O. Mn. Cdn Corps.

Army Form C. 2118.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			September 1918	
G 34 C 2.3	20/9/18	P.M.	Conference held at 2.30 pm. members present:- D.D.O.S. First Army A.D.O.S. First Army A.D.O.S. 22nd Corps D.A.D.O.S. 20 Division representing A.D.O.S. 8th Corps. C.I.O. Mn First Army O.O. No 1 Gun Park Staff Capt R.A. First Army and myself as I.O. Mn. Cdn Corps and representing A.D.O.S. Cdn Corps. Am pleased to say that practically all my suggestions for speeding up and simplifying methods of demands for guns etc were accepted, as were my suggestions for advanced shops and their composition. Conference lasted 3 hours.	ASB [illegible]
	21/9/18		Handed over temporary duties of I.O. Mn "B" Section to S.I.O. Mn "A" Section under instructions of C.I.O. Mn, the Corps work and an impending battle making it necessary for me to confine myself to my own corps, where there is more than sufficient work for one officer especially as I still have No 26 Workshop in my charge. Visited A.D.O.S. Cdn Corps. and I.O. 8 SOM Wks, who called to see me.	ASB [illegible]

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26 Ord. Knob. Workshop (L) and D.O.M. 6th Corps.

Army Form C. 2118.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			September. 1918	
9.34 C 2.3	22/9/18		Visited 44 and 62 Light Workshops and looked forward of them for an advanced position for the next shop to move, which will be No 26 or a first aid portion of this shop.	
			Visited No 8 O.M.W.(L) and completed outstanding administrative work of No 26 in my own workshop.	AAS
	23/9/18	A.M.	Inspected the 18 Pdrs and 4.5 Howitzers of 155 and 18 Army Field Brigades	AAS
			Visited No 8 O.M.W.(L)	
		P.M.	At No 26 Workshop compiling reports etc, Visited by C.D.O.M First Army and Col. Dunsterville A.O.D.	
	24/9/18		Nothing of interest	
	25/9/18		Prepared to move No 26 Workshop and ordered all work to other shops to empty 26	
			Received permission from A.D.O.S Canadian Corps, to move as soon as I thought fit, to more suitable position in front.	
			Searched for site in forward area. Great difficulty in finding site for workshop among such shell ridden country. Found site at U 18 d 3.1 which would do for the time being, though it would be too soft under foot for a winter site.	AAS
	26/9/18		No 26 Workshop moved up at 7 am to chosen site at U 18 d 3.1, orders given to the S.M. in charge to notify all traffic controls as to whereabouts of workshop and to put up notice boards on cross roads. Hope to have workshop in action before battle commences.	AAS

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WAR DIARY or ~~**INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.**~~ No 26 Ord Mobile Wkshop (L) Army Form C. 2118.
Attd D.O. to Canadian Corps.

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Place	Date	Hour	September 1918 — Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
G.34 d 2.3	26/9/18	P.M.	Notified R.A. Canadian Corps that No 26 Wkshop is in Action at U 18 d 3.1 and that all work should be sent there if possible first, when it would be either dealt with or sent on to Nos 62 or 44 Wkshops at HENINEL	
U 18 d 31	27/9/18		Day of battle at Cambrai. Moved S.D.O. Ms Office up to U 18 d 3.1 shut 51 B. to be near No 26 Wkshop.	
			Visited A.D.O.S and Gun Park advanced.	
			Visited Cdn Corps advanced Headquarters, learned from G.O.C. R.A. that battle was proceeding very successfully	
			Arrived back and found No 26 Wkshop completely in action showing exceedingly rapid work on their part.	
U 18 d 3.1	28/9/18		Inspected No 8 O.M.W. (L), went with D.O.O. and attempted to upload two captured German Guns in Canadian Corps captured Gun Park. Found it impossible to remove shells which were fast rammed home. Have advised Corps to have them taken out and fired.	
			Returned to office.	
— —	29/9/18		Visited 44 & 62 workshops	
			ordered No 8 O.M.W(L) to prepare to move forward.	
			In meantime with 10th No 8 looked for forward site near INCHY. Found fairly suitable place. Decided to	
			experiment with my suggestion of a First Aid workshop sent	
			out in advance of a main light shop. Sent my S.M. out	
			at once with workshop Lorry and a "home made" trailer made from G.S. wagon.	

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Army Form C. 2118.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
U18d3.1	29/9/18		Workshop Lorry has its ordinary machinery equipment and the G.S. wagon contains 1 Tarpaulin, a few special Gun stores & spare parts etc and cooking utensils for 10 men. I have ordered this special first aid outfit to move at once into site which will eventually become No 8 Workshop's position. In meantime work can be handled there while No 8 packs up and moves. This will save a long track for already tired horses and enable quick repairs to be carried out as near as possible to the firing line. This outfit moved off in 45 minutes after receiving orders, and established itself at D 6 central Sheet 57c	RAS Maj.
— " —	30/9/18		No 8 Workshop moved up 1 D 6 central. While erection of the workshop was proceeding the first and outfit carried out repairs to 12 18pdr guns and then handed over to No 8 returning tonight to its parent Corps.	RAS Maj.

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N°26 O.M.W.D. and S.I.O.M. Cdn. Corps

Army Form C. 2118.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	20/9/18		Received instruction from D.D.O.S. First Army to assume duties of Sectional I.O.M. Canadian Corps (temporarily), which gives me supervision of all repairs to all natures of guns & Howitzers in Canadian Corps.	
			Reported to D.D.O.S. on the trial of First Aid outfit and its obvious advantages. By holding certain spare carriages and guns and by working at high pressure in all shops have been able to ensure practically all guns in action or at least ready. Battery never waited more than a few hours for its guns requiring repairs.	Appx. Appx.

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No 26 Cdn. Ord. Mobile Workshop and S.I.O.M. Cdn. Corps

Army Form C. 2118.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Rheincourt	1/10/18		Visited A.D.O.S Cdn. Corps. and 44th 62 Light workshop.	
— " —	2/10/18		Inspected guns of 8 Cdn. Siege, 527 Siege, 147 Heavy 1st Cdn Heavy 110 Heavy Batteries	RCS major
			Visited No 8 Light workshop.	RCS major
— " —	3/10/18		Arranged with I.O.M. No 19 Medium workshop that the taking over of his equipment & form workshop of No 8 Canadian Medium workshop could now be proceeded with as it was required to move. Medium shop means the line in which case the Canadian personnel might take over during move and commence work "clean slate" in a new position.	
			Have chosen site in Sains-les-Marquion	RCS major
			Have moved No 62 Light workshop to Doulon.	
— " —	4/10/18		In shop during morning	
		P.M.	P.M. accompanied O.C. 520 Siege Battery to inspect gun which was giving trouble.	
			Found gun cradle strained. Diagnosed the cause and ordered equipment to be sent in to No 20 Medium workshop.	
			Had lunch with Battery Commander and inspected remainder of guns	RCS major
			Visited No 8 Light workshop	

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N°26 O.M.W.(C)
S10th Cdn. Corps

Army Form C. 2118.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Riencourt.	5/10/18		Visited advanced gun park and 20 medium shop — " 19 medium shop. Have been ordered by Corps to take over equipment of 19 medium shop on the 7th when N°8 Canadian shop will come into being. Visited N°62 light shop. Boulon. Inspected 6 inch guns of 527 Siege Battery, condemned two for wear. — Nos 3831 & 3446 Visited proposed new site of 8 medium shop at Sains-les-Marquion.	AAS map AAS map
	6/10/18		Nothing of interest.	
	7/10/18		Completed taking over equipment for new workshop. N°8 (Cdn.) O.M.W. medium now officially recognised. This is the second workshop formed in France from a nucleus supplied by N°26 workshop, the original Canadian workshop which came out in March 1916. Majority of personnel being transferred from units in the field. These men having been trained in N°26 & N°8 light workshops. Certain experienced personnel are being reported from these two workshops to form a nucleus.	AAS map

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N°26 O.M.W.U. 510th Cdn. Corps

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Rivincourt	8/10/18		Accompanied A.D.O.S. & visit new workshop. Inspected captured German guns, instructed by A.D.O.S. to get certain of them unloaded as some still had shell in bore were considered dangerous to travel to Base. N°26 workshop visited today by C.I.O.M.	AAS major
—.—	9/10/18		Visited N°8 Light and instructed I.O.M. to carry out inspection on 27 S.B. and 1/1 Lowland Heavy Battery. Visited N°62 Light workshop and instructed I.O.M. to get captured German guns unloaded. Cambrai captured last night. P.M. Visited A.D.O.S. & Camp Commandant.	AAS major
—.—	10/10/18		Visited 5th Cdn. Siege Battery, inspected 9.2 Howitzer N°585 with suspected crack in chamber. Ordered it to N°8 (Cdn.) Medium workshop. Completed day in office.	AAS major
—.—	11/10/18		Bombed this morning in daylight by seven enemy machines, no casualties to workshop personnel. Inspected 9.2 Howitzer of 184 S.B. and one 60 pdr. Howitzer of 27 Siege Battery. Visited 90 Siege Battery	

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No 26 OMWW and S.I.O.M. Cdn. Corps

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Riencourt	12/10/18		Inspected 60 pdr guns 31 Heavy Battery. Condemned one for wear. Had lunch with B.C. Visited 179 S.B. six inch Howitzers, condemned two for defective rifling.	
			Passed through Cambrai & visit the Batteries. Very interesting & find guns in undamaged gardens and personnel living in undamaged houses. Open warfare seems to be coming at last.	AAS Engr.
	13/10/18		Visited 10th Pontoon Park & inspect wagon wheels	AAS Engr.
	14/10/18		Worked in office	AAS Engr.
	15/10/18		Went to Heavy Mobile workshop first Army on matters concerning French Mortar platforms.	AAS Engr.
	16/10/18		Visited 74th Siege Battery, 75 S.B. both South African Batteries.	
			Visited 6th Cdn. Siege Battery, 2nd Cdn., 1st Cdn Heavy Battery, 393 Siege Battery.	
			Looked out for new site for 26 workshop in Escaut St Quentin.	AAS Engr.
			Found very good factory yard.	

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N°26 O.H.W.D. v S.I.O.M. Cdn. Corps

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Riencourt	17/10/18		Visited 121 Heavy Battery, 12 Heavy Battery 139 Siege Battery, 108 Siege Battery. Returned to 26 Light workshop after arranging with O.C. 4th Cdn. Division to be allowed to take over chosen site in Ecoust St Quentin.	RES major
	18/10/18		C.I.O.M. Visited my office. Moved first aid portion of workshop to ECOURT St QUENTIN. Advance continues well to difficult matter to keep up with artillery, especially over inundated area in front of us.	RES major
ECOURT St QUENTIN	19/10/18		Completed move of 26 workshop and moved my own office to Ecoust St Quentin. Very good position, buildings all intact, no need to erect any shelter.	RES major
	20/10/18		Advance proceeding so rapidly have been instructed by ADOS A move to Pecquencourt. Went up this morning. Found at the first village in which civilians had been left behind. All troops appeared great welcome, drank 15 cups of horrible coffee myself during the day while looking for a site.	RES major

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No 26 O.H.W.(L)
S.I.D.M. Corps

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
20/10/18 Ecoust St Quentin			Settled upon school yard in centre of Pecquencourt. Had ordered Workshop Lorry to follow immediately but have not yet arrived. Probably held up by bridges over canal. These have all been destroyed by enemy	ASS major
21/10/18			Moved first aid portion which was held up last night, into Pecquencourt but found place already too far back. Consulted with Brigade Major 1st Canadian D.R and chose site in HORNAING. This site had previously been occupied by a German Artillery repair shop and they had left behind certain stores including a very good crane which I have retained.	
			Moved S.I.D.M office into this site. Remainder of site still at Ecoust St Quentin. Unable to move them owing to lack of Lorry transport.	ASS major
HORNAING	22/10/18		No 8 Light workshop have First Aid in Herin. Arranged move of condemned stores to Railhead from old site at Pecquencourt.	ASS major

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
HORNAING			Inspected guns of 121 Heavy Battery	
	23/10/18		Visited Corps HQ. and Canadian Corps Heavy Artillery	AAA major
	24/10/18		Fetched clerk and a portion of office gear up from Ecourt. On arrival back found orders from ADOS Cdn. Corps to move up again to RAISMES area, as soon as possible. These rapid moves are becoming too frequent to enable much work to be undertaken. There is however a considerable amount of repair work going on. Arranged details of next day's move	AAA major
	25/10/18		Received permission commence move to Raismes. Took Lorry up with me and First Aid equipment in order to save time. Felt sure a suitable site would easily be found in this industrial area. Found and occupied large mine yard. Place is situated between	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
V4d 6.3 Sheet 44 SE	25/10/18		(continued) (between) Forests of Raissnes and St Vicogne workshop now more forward than it has been being in front of some of the guns which it serves. Severe hostile shelling taking place against batteries on our right. Went back to Hornaing and ordered up remainder of forward workshop. Have still to get rear portion up from Ecoust St Quentin.	AAS Major
—	26/10/18		Rear portion of 26 workshop moved up from Ecoust today having obtained 2 Lorries and having completed outstanding work moved S.10M office to Billet 125 same location as 26 workshop as I still have to run both jobs.	AAS Major
—	27/10/18		All equipment of 26. workshop now in position.	AAS Major

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
V4d6.3 44SE. St Vicogne	28/10/18		Completed report to AD OS Cdn Corps upon work of 1.O.M and ordnance workshops from 1/1/18 to present time for information of Minister of Militia.	
			General supervision of 26 workshop. Sent out Artificer to measure six inch Howitzer of 3 large batteries.	AAS major
— —	29/10/18		Remained in workshop received out inspection of two 60 pdr guns brought in for repair. Completed outstanding office work and usual mass of returns	AAS major
	30/10/18		Started off to Quesnoy to see if work of removing shell from bores of German guns is completed. There are a number at Railhead on their way to Base. Broke back spring of car two wheels & proceed. Visited 8 light & medium Stops. More shelling near stop. RUMOUR that Austria given in.	AAS major
	31/10/18		Gas shelling today very unpleasant. Nothing of interest	AAS major

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N°81 Canadian Ord. Mob. workshop Light

v S.I.O.M. Cdn. Corps.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
~~[illegible]~~ RAISMES	1/11/18		Proceeded to Douai to fetch men left at railhead & unload German guns. Visited advanced Gun Park	RCS
	2/11/18		Inspected guns of 1st Cdn. H.B and visited 2nd Cdn. H.B., latter firing unable to measure.	RCS
	3/11/18		Visited 2nd Cdn. H.B measured all guns. Car broke down	RCS
	4/11/18		In Workshop all day, car out of action	RCS
	5/11/18		———	RCS
	6/11/18		Visited N°8 L, N°8 M. workshops, and A.D.O.S, C.I.O.M. Camp Commandant.	RCS
	7/11/18		In office all day	RCS
	8/11/18		Sent first aid portion of N°26 workshop to QUAROUBLE on Valenciennes - MONS road. Visited 393 Siege Battery, inspected the firing platforms of their 6 inch Mark XIX guns.	RCS
	9/11/18		Continued move of Workshop to QUAROUBLE. Visited A.D.O.S. Cdn. Corps.	RCS

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S.I.O.M. Cdn. Corps

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Quarouble	10/11/18		Completed move to QUAROUBLE Looked out & found new site at HORNU. about 8 Kilometres from MONS -(West.) Propose to move tomorrow. Rumours of impending Armistice continue to fly round. Masses of released civilians pouring back to their homes.	AAS Maj-
HORNU	11/11/18		Armistice signed for 11 o'clock today. Much rejoicing. Went up into Mons to see entry of Corps Commander	AAS Maj-
	12/11/18		Commenced special examination of all guns in Canadian Corps, return required by G.H.Q.	AAS Maj-
	13/11/18 - 25/11/18		Hornu. Nothing of interest	
Charleroi	25/11/18		One night at Charleroi en route to Namur	AAS Maj-
Namur.	26/11/18		Arrived at Namur. Shortage of Lorries is making the march to the frontier very difficult for us.	AAS Maj-

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
27/11/18 Namur			G.R.O. published changing the numbers of all three Can. ord. Workshops as follows.	
			N°26 Light — to be 81 Cdn. O.M.W. Light	
			N° 8 — — to be 82 " " "	
			N° 8 Medium - to be 83 " " Medium	
			This to avoid confusion between 8 Light & 8 Medium.	
—	28/11/18		Still in Namur, unable to move forward owing to	
	29/11/18		lack of Lorries	
	30/11/18			

A. Abbott Major
S.1 Cdn. Corps.

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H. Durling.
Capt. C.O.C.
8 I.O.M. W/Shop Light

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Namur	1/12/18 to 9/12/18.		Usual workshop routine, finished a/a mounting of "E" a/a Battery & overhauled 2 18Pns of 5th C.D.A. Awaiting orders regarding moving forward with Can Corps as part of Army of Occupation.	
	Dec 9th	—	moved forward as far as D'Aywaille stayed overnight &	
	10th	—	Left @ 8.a.m for Ville de Bois, stayed @ Trois Pont in afternoon & drew rations & petrol	
Germany	11th		Left early with the object of going as far into Germany as possible before dark. Crossed the Frontier about 11.a.m. & reached Blankenheim about 6-30 p.m — billeted in small station about 5 kilometres from the Town	
"	12th	—	Maj A. Buttenshaw went to Bonn & found Canadian Corps.	
"	13th	—	moved W/Shop to Boom & waited outside the Town until after dinner as 2nd Can Div were "crossing the Rhine". Found site for W/Shop in a School — the yard for W/Shop & the rooms for sleeping accomodation of personnel. Paid the men in "marks" for the first time	
"	14th		Started to look for site across the Rhine, most suitable places were working & it was not convenient to locate without working with Germans	
"	15th		Workshop Routine:	
"	16th		Workshop Routine.	
"	17th		Workshop Routine.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Germany.	Dec 18.		Crossed the Rhine to a site at Siegberg - Kuttum Fabrik — This was rather a good site having cement floor + office + cookhouse already made. The German workmen made the door wider to allow Guns to enter. The men had comfortable billets in a large dormitory previously used by the munition - girls.	H.R.
"	19, 20, 21, 22, 23		Usual shop routine + improving the shop.	
"	24, 25		Guns of 121 H. Battty came in for overhaul + painting	
"	26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31		X mas Ontario parcels arrived + were much appreciated by the lucky recipients. Unfortunately the Turkeys did not arrive for Xmas but the money subscribed was used to make a very nice dinner + with the Xmas Pudding, everyone had a good dinner	

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50.M.81.O.M.W | Light

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Siegburg Germany	1/1/19		"New Years Day" & workshop shut down for the day. The X mas Puddings were finished at dinner today.	
"	2 3 4 5 6 -1-19		Overhauling of shot equipment & general Stock-taking another Gun of 121. H. B. came in for overhaul.	
"	7-1-19		Visited 2nd Brigade C. F. A., & conditioned Guns according to instructions from C. F. O. M. 2nd army. most of the equipment was in very good condition, ordered 1 of 7th Battry in for overhaul	
"	8-1-19		Visited 5th Battery & 14th Brigade, 5th Battery were well forward @ overath, 14th Brigade were at Kalk near Cologne. Condemned 18Pn No 2647. for scoring	
"	9-1-19		Visited 61st Battry at Immekeppele near Bensberg. & condemned 18Pn No 4578. for scoring	
	10-1-19 to 20-1-19		Awaiting orders to move back with the Canadian Corps	

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Capt. D. Durling
Capt. C.O.C.
20. O. M. & I. O. M. W. Light

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Siegberg Germany	21-1-19		Maj. A. S. Buttenshaw returned from leave & S/Sgt Cockburn returned to Canada for duty	
"	26-1-19		No 20. O. M. W. Light moved up to relieve us. most of the Canadian Corps H.Q. have moved from Bonn now & we are in 10th Corps.	
"	26-1-19 to 30-1-19		Usual shop routine & clearing up ready to move	
"	31-1-19		Inspected guns of 1st Can H.B.; 2nd Can H.B.; & 121 H.B. in order to find out No of No 12 Wheels on Carriages in connection with a list of Change (No 20982) to Brake arms	

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Ottawa	25-1-19		PARADE	Officers 7		
				STRENGTH OF COMPANIES 252		
				With leave 2		EDR
				Without leave 214		
				Strength of "N" Company 2484		
				With leave 23		
				Without leave 2461		
			STRENGTH DECREASE.	At the present time Orders are full of men who have been struck off strength of "NX" Coy. Nearly 3000 are deserters from this unit.		
"	26-1-19			Officers 7		
				Strength of Companies 247		
				With leave 1		EDR
				Without leave 207		
				Strength of "N" Company 2237		
				With leave 47		
				Without leave 2190		
"	27-1-19			Officers 7		
				Strength of Companies 243		
				With leave 2		
				Without leave 204		
				Strength of "N" Company 2235		
				with leave 45		
				Without leave 2190		

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No.
Date 25-2-19

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Seighen Germany	1-2-19		Packing up Workshop in readiness to move away on 3rd inst	AAP
"	2-2-19		all billetting returns completed + handed in to area Staff headq 34th Div	AAP
"	3-2-19		Handed over Site to No 20.O.m.W. Shop + moved off to Melhem Station for entraining. The machine Shop + Store Lorries reported to 82.O.m.W. Light + 2 Lorries were loaned by S.M.T.O. 10th Corps for remainder of Workshop	AAP
Andenne Belgium	4-2-19		arrived at 4 p.m. after 24 hours in train, we were fortunate in bringing brazziers with us or it would have been a cold journey. Got a temporary billet near Station	AAP AAP
"	5-2-19		Looking for a site most of the day.	AAP
Namêche	6-2-19.		Located a site at Namêche - across the river from Samson. Rather a good site with convenient office + as there were very few troops in the Village the billetting problem was easy.	AAP
"	7-2-19		Prepared for action + straightened up the Workshop generally.	AAP
"	8-2-19		The men were paid today — in Francs.	AAP
"	9-2-19		The usual Workshop routine + a few members of the Shop going to Brussels for 3 days pass	AAP
"	10-2-19		The weather is typically Canadian now - hard frost + a bright sunshine with the river (Meuse) nearly frozen over.	AAP

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Nameche	11-2-19		Usual Workshop Routine	app
"	12-2-19		"	app
"	13-2-19		"	app
"	14-2-19		"	app
"	15-2-19		"	app
"	16-2-19		"	app
"	17-2-19		" We were lectured today by a M.O. from Corps on venereal disease, which was very interesting & instructive. The S.I.O.M. called today	app
"	18-2-19.		Usual Workshop Routine + lots of correspondence regarding demobilisation. We are having good recreation now in the form of Baseball & Football	app
"	19-2-19		after several unsuccessful applications we were successful today in getting the loan of a nice gramaphone from Y.M.C.A. + 15 new records	app
"	20-2-19		Two 4.5 Howz of D/331 Batty came in for overhaul today	app
"	21-2-19		Usual Workshop Routine	app
"	22-2-19		Four 18 Pr air Recuperator carriages of 330 Bde R.F.A. came in for overhaul	app
"	23-2-19		Usual Workshop routine + discussing after-the-War prospects – chiefly	app
"	24-2-19		the Soldiers Settlement Act – We have some literature from Khaki	app
"	25-2-19		University relating to Farming + Canada generally which is greatly in	app
"	26-2-19		demand these days – Unfortunately there seems no prospect of our Unit	app
"	27-2-19		taking advantage of the Courses of Study	app
"	28-2-19			

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Namur Belgium	1-3-19 to 31-3-19		The Workshop has now ceased to function as far as repairing & overhauling equipments & is now waiting orders to return the Lorries & Stores to the Base. There is the usual Office Routine & quite an amount of correspondence regarding demobilisation. Fortunately the weather is very good & the men are able to get about & take advantage of this quiet time	NW NW

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
NAMECHE	8/4/19		Commenced to hand in Ordnance Part of Workshop.	
	13/4/19		All Ordnance stores returned & now awaiting orders to return Lorries	
	17/4/19		The two Lorries (store and workshop lorries) were returned to Cdn Corps Troops M.T. Coy together with a list of deficiencies.	
	24/4/19		Personnel of Unit moved to Andenne to join the other two workshops Nos 82 and 83 for travelling for disposal	

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